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Amateur hockey promotes values

"...the fun of playing resists all analysis, all logical interpretation

-Huizinga, Homo Luidens ("Man the Player")

ere were three minutes left to play in the third period of the championship game in the Tier 6 Novice division. The Mill Woods Fireballs led 1-0, but the opponents were pressing. The chant: "Za-bid!" resounded through Arena A at the Mill Woods Rec Centre as the Fireballs' goaltender made yet another save. Then the buzzer sounded. At this level of

minor hockey (eight-nine year-olds) it sounds every three minutes to signify it is time to change the lines so all players get equal ice time. But the rule is relaxed a bit in the playoffs The other team's coach kept his star players out

For the Fireballs, it was Humphrey's line's

Unfortunately, it was Humphrey's first year of hockey. He was just learning to skate. His mother was a single parent who had a great deal of difficulty in scraping together the \$250 registration fee and the approximately equivalent sum needed to buy secondhand equipment. She lacked the resources to enrol Humphrey in hockey school and there was no older brother or uncle around to take him skating. He should have been playing in a lower tier, but through some glitch in the selection process, he'd ended up with the Fireballs. The coach, Ray Moore, thought Humphrey would have a better experience if he stayed with the Fireballs rather than suffering the disruption of moving to a different team in a lower tier

Moore is a firefighter by trade who, like most minor hockey coaches, got involved when his son started playing hockey. At the time of this championship game, he was still playing goal for a men's league team.

For some coaches, the situation at the end of the championship game would have been a real gut check. But I doubt if Moore gave it a moment's thought. If he heard the agonized groans of a few of the less-mellow parents ("Oh, Jesus! Not Humphrey!" and "No, Ray, no!") he would have only chuckled. He maintained the normal rotation and Humphrey's line came out.

Humphrey teetered out to the face-off circle in the opponent's end. He pushed himself unsteadily to a spot in the slot, about 10 feet in front of the net and stood there on splayed ankles, hunched over and balancing on his stick-an unsteady tripod. There was a scramble in front of the net.

Somehow the puck ended up on Humphrey's

He swung at it wildly, overbalancing and landing on his rump. But damned if it didn't slide slowly under the goalie for Humphrey's first goal ever, making victory a certainty.

When my oldest son played midget hockey, I usually sat with one of the other fathers, a quiet and affable man appropriately named Gandhi, who wore round gold-rimmed glasses and was always impeccably dressed in a suit and tie.

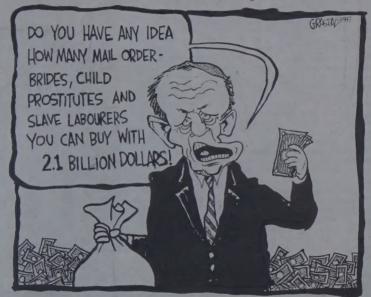
Unluckily, although our sons both had what the coaches called a "good work ethic," neither weighed more than 155 lbs. Still more unluckily, neither had quite the skill to get out of the way at prudent times. Talk about a misnomer: half the "midget" players were, I estimate, around six ft. tall and weighed almost or more than 200 lbs.

During many games, three of our players' fathers, enlivened by pre-game indulgence in a recent vintage of Castello di Mill Woods of their own manufacture and unencumbered by any knowledge of hockey, hollered unintelligibly at the referees

Gandhi and I, pretending we didn't know them, spent a good deal of our time inhaling sharply through our teeth as it seemed that this time there was no way one or the other of our sons could survive an impending collision with some brute

But somehow, they always got up—although, my son remarked, some nights it seemed likely that after getting rubbed into the boards by some benemoth, "all that would be left of me would be a fine paste

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Stopping the American tidal wave

Vue from the top

Canadians have to be a hardy bunch have to deal with a vast nation filled with wondrous but unforgiving terrain. We have to deal with a climate that is punishing. And, most importantly, we have to deal with our Big Broth er to the South-Uncle Sam and the world's

most enticing, dominating culture.
From the dishwallas of India to the indierock wannabes of Australia, America is fulfilling its self-proclaimed destiny to become the planet's moral and cultural adjudicator. Why? Because its corporations have the money to jam the airwaves of the world with sickly-sweet sit-coms based on the "family values" of America's white suburbs (even the blacks on American TV act notoriously whitebread-they've been sani tized to the point where the Fresh Prince of Bel Air is nothing more than a cultural Willie Horton). Because its media is all-encompassing (how many of you out there watch CNN or have dinner with Peter Jennings on the tube? C'mon, it's OK to admit it...), we know more about Newt Gingrich's improprieties than we do about the goings-on in the Reform Party. OK, we all know that Gingrich is House Leader. How many of you can name Canada's Speaker of the House? The point has been made. And, by the way, the answer is David Kilgour.

While the effects of America's all-too-powerful presence is evident throughout the world, nowhere is the Shadow of Uncle Sam more evident than in Canada. After all, the United States and Canada share the largest undefended border in the world. Strike that: we did have

tecting small Canadian industries and forcing American mega-firms to place branch plants in our country if they wanted to do business here But the prevailing laissez-faire winds of NAFTA have obliterated them, in some cases necessar-

Our culture is becoming more Americanized every day. We've even gone so far as to vilify the CBC, even though it has done far more to protect Canadian identity, even promote it on an international level (from The Kids in the Hallto This Hour Has 22 Minutes to The Neu room). The TV battle has been lost. Our children are basketball-watching U.S.-sitcom addicts.

Can-con rules have done well enough to protect Canadian musicians domestically, but also, in effect, shut small, independent bands out of the radio marketplace and do little to promote Canadian talent in more lucrative, foreign markets. That's why bands like the Tragically Hip and 54-40 are superstars in Canada, but can't even garner a classified ad in Rolling

Now, a new battle is being waged. Canada has always been known for its unparalleled journalistic excellence. Canadians litter newsrooms around the world. Our finest schools Ryerson and Carleton, have programsrecognized not only nationally but throughout the world.

not only nationally but throughout the world. Our magazines and newspapers rank with some of the world's best. Give me the Toronto Star over the New York Times any day—it is a better-written, better-designed journal. But our market is a small one. Saturday Night magazine has never been a money-maker for Conrad Black, because the advertising revenue available in Canada is small. Thanks to a suling made last week by the World Trade Octains and last week by the World Trade Octains.

ganization, that small Canadian revenue pie will have an American fork in it, leaving Canadian publishers to fight over what's left of the

Canada has been ordered to get rid of postal barriers and advertising tariffs on so-called "splitrun" magazines. These American-based publications (Sports Illustrated, Time and People) print separate Canadian editions with Canadian-based advertising, but change little or none of their editorial content. That means Canadian advertisers are subsidizing American mags with little or no reinvestment on the part of the publishers. The WTO ruled that Canada's restrictions on culture do not reflect the spirit of NAFTA. In essence, the WTO has ruled that the free flow of dollars supercedes a nation's right to protect its identity

We can expect a flood of split-run mags, now that the ruling has been made. The argument that good Canadian mags will survive an onslaught of American split-runs is somewhat far-fetched. The CBC produces excellent program-ming on a consistent basis, but it always loses out in the ratings to idiot-propelled drivel like Home Improvement and Married...With Children. Free speech and the free flow of speech dren. Free speech and the free flow of speech are important principles. The onslaught of American mags into the Canadian market will mean only one thing, the curtailment on the published ideas of Canadians, therefore being an impediment to free speech. We are becoming a nation of less than 30 million American wannabes.

The government could stop such a spreadit could fight the WTO, beef up Can-con rules so the promotion of new talent becomes a key

Will the NHL become the Nike™ Hockey League?

GUEST COLUMN BY EUGENE W. PLAWIUK

game. The names CCM and Cooper were synonymous with hockey. But two years ago, that all changed.

Nike took over Canstar/Bauer Inc., the maker of Bauer and Cooper equipment. At the same time, SML International, the parent company of CCM, declared bankruptry

Canstar/Bauer and CCM were internationally well-established names in hockey equipment. Bauer recently expanded into the inline skate market and expanded its operations from North America to Europe.

CCM fell behind and ended up declaring bankruptcy in 1995. CCM now has a new president—the former CEO of Canstar Inc., Bauer's parent company, who was displaced when Nike bought Canstar.

Of course, this should be good news for Canstar and Bauer, especially for their shareholders. Thanks to NAFTA, Nike, the world's largest and most successful athletic shoe manufacturer, can add them to its empire. But what will it mean ultimately for Bauer and, especially, for Canadian workers in Bauer's factories in Quebec and On-

tario?

Of Nike's over 17,000 workers only 1,200 are unionized. Those 1,200 work for Canstar/Bauer. The majority of Nike's workers are located in offshore factories in Asia, working for Nike-controlled subcontractors. Since 1984, when the last Nike factory was closed in the U.S., Nike has outsourced all of its productions of shoes. Its highly successful apparel and clothing line, which isn't outsourced through Asian subcontractors, is produced in Right To Work states in the American south, again using subcontractors.

While Canstar/Bauer has remained an independent subsidiary of Nike, the writing was on the wall in 1996.

First, Canstar dissolved its Cooper line and now only manufactures the Bauer label. Then Nike announced it was going into direct competition with Canstar, producing a Nike line of hockey equipment, including the high-growth market in in-line skates and field hockey equipment.

With CCM in a major corporate

With CCM in a major corporate restructuring, the window for Nike to increase its share of the hockey equipment market is wide open.

In order to create a market for its new line of hockey equipment, Nike has announced a joint corporate sponsorship with the NHL to produce team jerseys and supporting hockey programs under its swoosh logo.

No mention is given of either Canstar or Bauer. Will they be left to fend for themselves?

Nike's New Age competitive marketing is really old-fashioned branch plant economics. Canstar workers could possibly see their company stripped of process knowledge and have their jobs shipped offshore.

Hockey equipment can be a very specialized industry. There is a small-scale goalie equipment manufacturer in Toronto that produces pads and masks for a variety of NHL goalies.

Like Canstar, such specialty companies will probably see their fortunes wane as Nike buys up players and teams for endorsements. Thanks to NAFTA, all intellectual property rights to production processes that Canstar once held now belong to Nike.

With its new found partner in the NHL and its expanding takeoter of U.S. college athletic departments, Nike hockey equipment, due out early this year, should make Cooper/Bauer and its name a faint memory.

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REVIEWER NO ANGEL

I am writing to respond to your reviewer's article on the film *Ulyss-es' Gaze* by Greek filmmaker Theo Angelopoulos, which we screened at our theatre last weekend.

I certainly do not defend Angelopoulos—he has been the subject of numerous retrospectives at prestigious festivals and film societies and Ulysses' Gaze has been recognized as "a profound, and profoundly affecting work of art and heart" by such publications as Film Comment, the Manchester Guardian and the New York Times. Your reviewer's characterization of the film as "long, ponderous and pretentious" reflects more on his sensibilities than it does on Angelopoulos' ability to make films.

What I take issue with is the rant which follows this evaluation of the film, in which Mr. Lackey makes fun of 'goatee-wearing misanthropes who hang out at university latté bars and use adjectives like 'brilliant' to describe wanking, ponderous backs like Godard or Fassbender [sic]." (I hope Mr. Lackey is referring to Rainer Fassbinder, not local filmmaker Norm Fassbender!)

Certainly Mr. Lackey is entitled to his opinion, but let him proclaim it from a soap-box in the park, not in the pages of Vue Weekly—which is supposed to be aimed at an educated arts-orient-daudience, many of whom probably sport goatees and drink lattés.

l appreciate that a film revie

er is paid to express his opinion: however, it is supposed to be an informed opinion. Just because Mr. Lackey doesn't like films which challenge the tired old Hollywood code of shot/reverse shot, close-ups, quick cutting, melodramatic conflicts to generate drama and, of course, explosions and car chases, doesn't mean that these films have no right to exist. Some people might find them a welcome relieft

Even a publication like the Edmonton Journal, whose readership is much broader than that of Vue, acknowledges that while films like Ulysses' Gaze are not for everyone, they do have merit. You can bet the Journal would not insult its readership as Mr. Lackey does. A reviewer must merit the power of his position, not abuse that position to proselytize. Such a reviewer degrades your publication.

Bill Evans Program Director, Metro Cinema Society, Edmonton

OTHER REVIEWER NOT A REAL FAN

Ibelieve Araxi Arslanian's so-called reviews of Shadow Theatre's new play. The Cartoonist, reflect very poorty on View Weekly. The articles are unprofessional and, at times, in very poor taste. The first few words in the second article (Jan 16-22/97) state: "I cannot tell a lie. I am a fan of Shadow Theatre." I fail to see where any allegiance lies.

artist as lazy...?" Why would you want to?Dave (Clarke) is talented, always a pleasure to talk with. I've watched and heard some of his work (have you?) and his energy and committment are way up there! As well, do you know personal secrets about Dave the rest of us don't? If so, please keep them to

yourself, as I hear very little professionalism in your comment to the effect that Dave is "creepy."

effect that Dave is "creepy."
Your second article, "Not an Interview." was shameful. How could you call yourself a fan? You have no comprehension of the damage you may have caused by your, what, near-sightedness? How could you miss the notices relating to the strobe lights, if this is an issue for you (as it is for a good many people, to be sure)? I saw them. So would anyone who was concerned about the effects of strobe lights on a human body.

Writing what you did was inexcuseable. The terrible injustice you have done Shadow Theatre. fan Araxi, is to effectively interfere with each and every person's livelihood who worked on *The Cartoonist*. How many readers think, wrongly, that Shadow Theatre does not follow the guidelines set out regarding gunshots, strobe lights, etc. in a theatre and in support of and respectfor those people whom are affected, may choose not to come to the play? People—there were and are notices in the lobby!

There are many long-time fans and supporters of Shadow Theatre, but there are still some people out in the world who don't know about all of the hard-work-and-no-pay workers who make up Shadow Theatre. How many of those people may decide to follow your incredibly shortsighted idiotic quip to "support their next piece and stay healthy and happy" for a vhole year... at other theatres?

year... at other theatres?
Fans like you make a big mess,
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element and actually treat the CBC like an important part of the national fabric. But that would mean that Culture Minister Sheila "Resignation as a Political Tool" Copps would have to show the trait not normally found in Canadians-a backbone. We are a nation too polite for our own good ("the ruling went against us, goshdarnit, so we'll just have to follow it like good little Canadians and hope that our small publications can survive. Dear, pass me thatcopy of Time..."), too willing to toe the lines set by Uncle Sammy to the South. Goodwill and apologies aren't going to save Canada's cultural institutions.

Let's appeal this WTO decision. If not, let's create some incentives for Canadian advertisers (this has got to come from the government, folks. This private selfregulation stuff is no more practical than Adam Smith's comedic Invisible hand theory) to keep using Canadianbased publications. The American publishing wolves are at the door and the WTO has given them the key to get into our house. What is our government going to do? It needs to take a tough stand, either against the WTO or our neighbors to the South. The cultural heist must stop.

From the glowing FOX puck to Disney's ownership of the RCMP's marketing rights, all good things Canadian are being bought. When was the last time the Oilers garnered a Sports Illustrated cover? When was the last time a Canadian graced the cover of Time?

The time for polite debate is over. It's time for us to get as mad as hell. Our neighbor's dog barks way too

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way, you could live solely on your investment income. But in the real world, investment returns fluctuate and inflation works against you, so you may

retirement. The fact is, there's a 'cost' associated with funding your prosperity and freedom in retirement and that cost is a function of (a) how much you can save, (b) how long you'll live, (c) the return the bad news is that you could risk outliving your retirement

or... you get the picture). That

need even more. But don't worry, there's...

Willis

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My daughter is still playing ringette at the age of 16. Every once in a while, the kids at her high school get together for a co-ed, no-hit hockey game. She, like most ringette play ers, is a better skater than almost all the young men, even those few who are still playing organized hockey. She can more than hold her own.

She hasn't decided whether she will keep on playing competitive ringette (There's a team called "the Misfits," against which my daugher's team sometimes plays exhibition games, that includes some very spry 40-year-olds) or whether she'll play no-hit hockey in universityor perhaps both. But in any case like hundreds of thousands of Canadians, she'll probably spend an hour or two at the rink most weeks for the rest of her life

Hockey is the only sport that allows people to keep on playing, well into decrepitude, something closely resembling the game they played in their youth.

Playing basketball when you are over 40 is unwise without the presence of a mobile cardiac resuscita tion unit. Slo-pitch just ain't the same game. Tackle football for people in less-than-top-shape is like nuclear war for practice. Trying to play soccer with younger players is a lesson in humility that takes very little time to sink in.

The only exception is rugge but rugger players are the first to admit they are not entirely sane.

Hockey is different. Like the ability to ski, play a musical instrument or speak another language the ability to play hockey reasona bly well is a skill that (for most people) must be acquired in childhood or not at all-and that once acquired becomes a source of permanent delight.

In November, 1995, my younger son's Atom hockey team had a fund-raiser so it could attend tournaments in exotic places like Thors by and Killam. A lot of businesses donated products and services that were auctioned off. The Oilers provided us with the pièce de resist-ance: anactual goal stick actually used by Bill Ranford in an actual game against the Maple Leafs, signed by all the actual players of the actual Oilers, if you see what I mean. They also offered a team practice on Northlands ice, to be lirected by one of the Oilers' as-

There was much dancing and laughter. Hardly anybody got drunk (and the few who did were driven home by friends). Nobody got obnoxious. Somebody ended up paying \$425 for the Bill Ranford stick.

During the course of the evening, I couldn't help but notice a young woman looking longingly at all the items in the silent auction, especially the Ranford stick.

Finally, she some 1880 on something. There was much dancing and

As she paid the money (my wife and I were the treasurers), she told us that her son was a goaltender and that he had a poster of his hero, Bill Ranford, above his bed She told me she hadn't much money. It was all she could do to pay for her son's hockey by working every bingo possible.

Was it possible that Ranford could autograph her son's poster? That would be the greatest Christmas present he could possibly imagine.

I got in touch with the Oilers

and conveyed the request. They did a lot more than agree to the request for an autographed poster. They also came through with two gold tickets to a game. After the game, the Oilers arranged for the boy to meet Bill Ranford and to have his picture taken with his hero. At the time, Ranford must have known that he would not be in Edmonton long. In fact, he was traded a few days later.

Since the Oilers and Ranford performed that random act of kindness (which they took no steps to publicize), I have been somewhat more circumpsect in generalizing about pro hockey-what John Short on his Sportline show (often just before he hung up on a caller) referred to as "exercising the democratic right to be wrong

If your son or daughter plays hockey or ringette, you will find yourself wistfully recalling a distant era when you used to do things with your spouse on Friday and Saturday nights-and had the money to do them-when you didn't have to get up at 5:30 a.m. on weekends to drive to a practice in New Sarepta or Mundare or some other place where the team uses all that fundraising money to rent ex-

tra practice ice.

"Hypocrisy," said the French
moralist LaRochefoucald, "is the tribute that vice pays to virtue. Selfishness, laziness, frugality or poverty are at least honest excuses for not encouraging your children to play hockey. But most of the excuses I hear people mouthing seem to me to deserve no more than a genial contempt, at best.

Many people seem to think it is recently-discovered profundity that professional sport, including professional hockey, is more and more a long series of perverted rites dedicated to the Bitch God-

If someone says it is disgusting that Bobby Clarke's deliberate maiming of Valeri Kharlamov in the famous 1972 Canada-Russia series should be spoken of reverently in the Pantheon, rather than featured somewhere prominently on our national Wall of Shame, I

out the stickwork, cheap shots and fighting, I shall not demur. If he thinks that a person who rearranges his schedule so he can stay home on a Tuesday morning to watch Canada play Russia on TV should get a life, I will attempt to change the subject without making any admission, expressed or implied. But these sorts of pseudo-argu-

ments, while diverting enough to blither cheerfully about over coffee, can't withstand a moment's scrutiny if seriously cited as reasons why children ought not to play organized hockey.

The presumption is that what applies to pros applies to amateurs. The simple answer is that, with a few exceptions, it doesn't

If there is a trend, the trend (except perhaps in the upper echelons, which your kids and mine are most unlikely to be anywhere near) is firmly against the negative examples set by professional sport.

All know that ballet lessons normally promote fitness and gracefulness, not the anorexia nervosa and neurosis that may be prevalent among prima ballerinas. Learning chess teaches logical thinking under pressure. It does not usually promote even in the most enthusiastic amateurs, the least amiable personality traits of Bobby Fischer. Allan Turing killed himself and led a rather unhappy life, but you can still cheerfully send your child to computer camp

Amateur sport in general-and hockey in particular-still does what it has always done. It reinforces and provides a testing ground for virtues including courage, endurance, perserverance, teamwork, self-sacrifice, realistic self-evaluation and the ability to keep your head when all about you are losing theirs

Even many of what can be its negative aspects have their salutary side. Amateur sport provides a relatively harmless environment in which children can observe and learn how to deal with the immaturity, hypocrisy, bungling, bullying and unfairness that they will, all too soon, encounter in the adult world.

It is safe to assume that Sir Arthur Wellesley, the Duke of Wellington, when he made the connection between the British victory in the bloody Battle of Waterloo and the hardy regimen of which the "play-ing fields of Eton" were a part, had in mind not only the cricket matches and the cucumber sandwiches but also such strenuous pastimes as the Eton Wall Game

James S. Hans calls play "the most essential category of human experience." So it is good that our children thereby learn lessons that will help us hold off the Cardas-

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SPORTS-HUMOR

BY GENE KOSOWAN

ever wonder why NHL teams don't sport names like the Boston Beans, the Lotusland Mushrooms or the Tinseltown Trollons? Well, even in these days of blitzkrieg marketing, franchises have a way of preserving their own heritage with identifiers indigenous to their history and geography, as the following chronicle of team monikers will indicate Some of them recall events going back centuries, while others are present-day boardroom concoctions interrupted by diversions of barley brunches and secretaryshagging. It's too bad some of these appellations miss the mark. Like, the L.A. O.J.s sort of has a nice ring

Anaheim Mighty Ducks: Disney mafloso Michael Eisner coined the names as a merchandising vehicle for his Slap Shot for Tots flick. Refer to them as "The Mighty Ducks of Anaheim" (tm) or risk facing the wrath of Mickey.

Boston Bruins: Mind you, Eisner didn't invent NHL-style product placement. Entrepreneur Charles Adams preceded him when he wanted team colors that matched the trimming on all his storefronts—and a ferocious name to boot.

Buffalo Sabres: The team held a contest for a name—anything but a noun for a nearly-extinct bovine cousin with horns and a foul odor.

Calgary Flames: Anyone who saw Gone With the Wind knows how the former Atlanta franchise got its name. When it moved to Cowtown, fans chose to keep the name as a symbol of oilfield activity in the surrounding area.

Chicago Blackhawks: This was team owner Frederic McLaughlin's way of commemorating his old First World War detachment, the Black Hawk Battallion, which in turn was named after an Indian chief.

Colorado Avalanche: Fans picked the moniker from an eight-name poll. Thankfully, no John Denver or Osmonds songs were on the list.

Dallas Stars: The old Minnesota North Stars franchise adopted the state motto "Étoile du Nord," or Star of the North. Relocation to the Lone Star State warranted keeping part of the old name.

Detroit Red Wings: Motor City borrowed from pea-soupers for this one. Team prez James Norris adopted the name to harken his playing days with the Montréal Winged Wheelers.

Edmonton Oilers: Duhhh...
Watch for a name change in 20 years to the Edmonton Dry
Holes—if the team is still around.

Floriday Panthers: Envirodweeb Tooker Gomberg would have an ally in Blockbuster Video magnate H. Wayne Huizenga, who came up with the name to raise awareness of the plight of an endangered feline species in the swampland.

Hartford Whalers: Scan the first three letters of the team and you'll recall this New England team's old league. It also recalls the eastern seaboard's former harpooning economic stable.

Los Angeles Kings: This selection predates the Rodney King riots. Otherwise, there's no specific reason for this choice, as if L.A. needs a motive.

Montréal Canadiens: In the early days, the Habs only had Catholic, Quebecois players on the roster. Watch for Lucien Bouchard to revive this policy. New Jersey Devils: As if Joizey itself isn't hellish enough. The name comes from a 250-year-old legend concerning the Jersey Devil, a behemoth that mutilated victims in the Pine Barrens area. Descendants later changed the family name to Sinatra (How 'bout the NJ Hoffas?—ed).

New York Islanders: Uhhh... could it be because they're on Long Island?

New York Rangers: Madison Square Gardens owner Ted Rickard iced a team named Tex's Rangers... get it? Tex's Rangers? Texas Rangers?

Ottawa Senators: Its previous incarnation won six Stanley Cups and the city is home to the Senate, the most luxurious retirement hangout in the country. They would probably be called the Ottawa Morissettes, if ice grunt Alexandre Daigle got his way.

Philadelphia Flyers: A fan's entry was chosen, although the winning selection actually had the correct spelling. Blame it on Hooked on Phonics.

Phoenix Coyotes: The Roadrunners were taken by the IHL franchise, which is just as well. The team's average is only slightly better than Wile E.'s track record.

Pittsburgh Penguins: The first three letters indicate Steeltown, USA's home state, while a typical hockey climate is ideal for these awkward birds.

St. Louis Blues: Credit W.C. Handy's old nugget for this choice.

San Jose Sharks: The team was named after those offshore predators that feed off errant surfers and is a good metaphor for explaining the gradual disappearance of Canadian presence in our national sport.

Tampa Bay Lightning: It strikes more than once in this Florida city, touted as the lightning capital of the world.

Toronto Maple Leafs: Conn Smythe changed the name to recall his trench days with the Maple Leaf Regiment when he acquired the Toronto St.

Vancouver Canucks: The Land of Make Believe named the team after Johnny Canuck, a mythical lumberjack, skater and wartime comic book hero.

Washington Capitals: This one's a no-brainer, although Mayor Marion Berry reportedly wanted to call them the Washington Crackheads.

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Snow Valley will be hosting some great competitions in the near future, like Ditty in the City. This is a snowboard freestyle competition with a quarter-pipe. It will take place Jan. 26. Also, on Feb. 1, Snow Valley will play host to a skiers'

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you are thinking of becoming a snow rider or you just want to get out and make a few turns, give Snow Valley a visit and experience the joy of skiing or boarding for yourself.

6 p.m., Activity Centre: Medieval feast. 6-9 p.m., Jasper Park Lodge:

Western buffet and entertainment.

8 p.m., Sawridge Hotel: Comedy Factory.

Jan. 26, Marmot Basin: Super

Demo Days.

Jan. 27, noon, Marmot Basin:
Kokanee Fun, Fat and 40.

5 p.m., Athabasca Hotel: Awards presentation.

6 p.m., Jasper Marketplace: Dining Thru the Snow.

Jan. 28, Amethyst Lodge: A Brush with Watercolor.

Jan. 29, 6 p.m., Jasper Marketplace: Dining Through the Snow.

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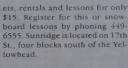
I've skied with Irwin on many occasions and he's an excellent instructor, so if this is the year to get in touch with your skiing and learn with people of your own ability (intermediate or advanced), try it out! No experience is needed and Irwin will equip you with all the skills to ski bumps, steeps, powder and ice with confidence. It all starts tomorrow night with the traditional "get acquainted dinner" and overnight accommodation at the Sunshine Inn with the 22-ft hot tub in which to relax after ski sessions.

Here's some interesting stats from past camps: 40 per cent who took part were female. Thirty-five per cent took at least two camps per year. Forty per cent were intermediate, 40 per cent advanced and 20 per cent expert. Eighty per cent were aged 30-55 years. Fifty-five per cent had never taken a camp before. To register, call the Sunshine Village Ski school desk at 1-403-762-6560

Tomorrow night at Sunridge it's Ladies Night, featuring lift tick-



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Here's the Jasper in January update for this week's activities and events:

Jan. 24, 8 p.m., Amethyst Lodge: Chili Cook-Off and Dance.

8 p.m., Sawridge Hotel: Comedy Factory.

Jan. 25, Marmot Basin: Super Demo Days.

1 p.m., Marmot Basin: Yellow Pages' Ski For Dreams.



· Carve, you turkey!

Carving is fun. Carving is good. I like to carve in my neighborhood.

Carve what, you ask?

Carving the white—making the ski slice through the snow like a knife through butter. It feels great to "ride the rail," especially when you've got a perfectly groomed run and you can let 'em cruise.

The modern ski is an incredible tool. They carve easier and more powerfully than ever before. It wasn't long ago that it was virtually impossible to get a ski to carve. The ski boots didn't have the support and the skis didn't have the side-cut and flex needed.

Skis carve on ice. They also skid. A carving ski holds much better on ice and can virtually slice through just about any snow condition. The key is knowing how to make a ski carve. It requires bending the ski in the turn. This is done by balancing on the outside ski as you edge and turn it, which creates the forces necessary to bend the ski.

Also obvious to this formula is a sharp edge. The harder the snow, the sharper the edge. When you see a great skier leaving beautiful round grooves in the snow, it's not magic—it's a combination of the right technique and the right equipment. World Cup slalom racers have edges so sharp most guys could shave with them.

So let's get a little more specific. What exactly are the components

So let's get a little more specific. What exactly are the components of a carving turn? First, it helps to not skid the ski at the start of the turn. You can achieve this by rolling the ski onto its edge at the start and letting it grab the snow with an easy roll of the knees and hips. It's similar to a car holding its line in a turn. Once it starts sliding, it's tough to make it stop.

Developing the carve starts with practice on balancing the outside ski throughout the turn. To practice this initially, lift your inside ski as you turn. A key to keeping your balance on one ski is to keep your shoulders level with the horizon. Leaning in, towards the hill, causes your weight to go to the inside ski. If you lose the carve, or your skis slip, down you go.

Practice pressuring your outside ski and it will soon feel as if your skis are pulling you through the turn. Learning to use the built-in power that your skis have stored in them is truly one of the most exciting aspects of skiing.



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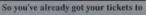


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FASHION

Organizers of Tuxes, Tiles and Tales bill the evening as the "no-stress dress event." Promoters call it the alternative

Simply, anything goes. Black tie formal to left-over grunge looks are all welcome

Yet, people still wonder what to wear

The fashion show slated for the evening hopes to fill in the imaginations by displaying whate are considered some of Edmonton's best looks. Designers Stanley Carroll, Hao Tran, Eldean and concrete are just a few designers with clothes in the show

Others include Who Cares?, Kathleen Todoruk, Maija-Lijsa's and Pernille Tjelum.

Edmonton's hip retailers, Gravity Pope, Glam Slam and Divine Decadence, also promise to bring the street-worthy to the forefront

> To preview the evening, here are styles from some of the designers scheduled for the fash-



fashion: Hao Tran model: Heidi M., Mode Models photo: Ryan Greenwood

You see, he usually never goes faster than 20 km/h, and is on a "first name basis with the local police."

A fare day's wage for stardom

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orget the stretch limb. Forget the fancy Rolls Royce. By far, the heppest way to get around these days is in Jon Barnes' Ultimate Taxi (<www.ultimatetaxi.com>).
The Ultimate Taxi lives up to its

name. We aren't talking about a BMW that is turned into a taxi-w aren't even talking about a stretch limo with a wet bar and satellite TV.

What we are talking about is a 1979 Checker Cab with 360,000 miles on the odometer AND nine Lasers, 800 ft. of fiber optic lighting, a mirror ball, seven flowing neon sticks, dry ice fog, 15 ministage lights, a killer 900-watt Alpine sound system, the Yamaha PSR-620 portable keyboard, Yamaha DD-14 Digital Drums, a Kodak DC-50 digital camera, Toshiba 2130CT laptop computer, the Fargo Foto Fun digital photo printer, a Sony Minidisc recorder, one Sandisk PCMCIA ATA flash memory storage card a Mini-Hazer market printer, and the storage card a Mini-Hazer market sides. lar phones, one Apex cellular modem, a Tascam Mini-Studio fourtrack mixer, six blacklights and GoGadget Website Editing Soft-

I could be wrong about the moose, but with the rest of the stuff in his car, you can't be too sure.

Good God, this man has more equipment in his car than I do at work and home combined!

The Ultimate Taxi is the first taxi to "go lightspeed." Barnes gives his users the ultimate is exhibitionism—have your picture taken and uploaded to the web while

while you are gawking at your mug up there for the world to see, Barnes entertains you with some songs, pumped out from his drum set and synthesizer.

Apparently, he drives with one hand and manipulates his toys with

Another rule that Jon follows: 'Never answer e-mail while driv-

What else is required?

"An insurance company that has never exactly ridden in your car."

In addition to putting his guests through a public "outing", he has lasers, a fog machine and a toy store in his trunk.

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Barnes charges \$95 for a half-hour tour of Aspen—which means you and five other people get to ride slowly around Aspen, have your picture taken and be regaled with stories of famous people (Ringo Starr, Pierce Brosnan and others have taken a spin in the taxi).

Barnes didn't announce any plans to expand, so, for the moment, you can only experience the Ultimate Taxi in Aspen, Colo.

In the flesh, anyway.

ILERS WEEK



This week, Vue press-box fixtures John Turner and Steven Sandor discussed the All-Star Game with disdain. No bitting. Too many pretty boys. Ugly-looking purple and teal uniforms. They suggest that the NHL force both all-star teams to cary at least four enforcers each. At least it would make the game worth watching.

Topic: Home-ice advantage

Steve: The Oilers enter the home stretch of the season in fourth place, only three points behind the Detroit Octopus Tossers for third spot. We know what this team can domaking the playoffs is no longer good enough. The Oilers need to secure home-ice advantage for the first round of the playoffs. The Oilers are the best team in Canadain a perfect world, the Oilers would meet Vancouver in the playoffs, because nothing would be sweeter than knocking those hot-pink uni form-wearing pretty boys onto the

John: At the start of the season I thought that just making the play offs would be tough and they would finish sixth place at best. This team is much improved over last year and are easily in the top seven talent-wise in the NHL. Finishing anything less than fourth now would be slightly disappointing and with injuries hitting teams the way they have been taking a run a top spot isn't out of the question. I can't pass on an opportunity to slam the hopeless Canucks and it would be sweet to see the Oilers kick their sorry asses on national Topic: Old Oil vs. New Oil

Steve: The Oilers finished their season against the New York Oilers...ahem...Rangers with a 1-0-1 mark. The win over the Rangers a couple of months back was one of the best games I've seen this year. If it wasn't for a bunch of goalposts, the Oil could have done better than the 4-4 tie at Madison Square Gardens. Old Oilers like Gretzky, Messier and Graves might look good in Broadway Blue, but the Young Oilers looked better. By the way, if the Rangers win the Cup this year (bloody unlikely), shouldn't the NHL allow the Stanley Cup banner to hang from the Edmonton Coliseum? After all, that is Glen Sather's team out there. Rumor has it that guys like Weight, Arnott and Joseph are all looking at buying homes in Manhattan, because they know that's where all the Old Oilers end their careers. John: Aside from the second period where the Oilers slowed their skating and a few minutes in the third where they forgot they were playing hockey, Edmonton looked like the Stanley Cup contender out there. And everybody knows, especially the other 24 general managers (except for Toronto's Cliff Fletcher or St. Louis's Ron Caron), that nobody builds a team or develops young talent like Glen Sather. It'll be sad to see those kids moving to the Big Apple

Topic: The All-Star game

Steve: It's fitting that Mark Recchi won the MVP of last weekend's allstar game. The Habs' floater shone Oil 4, New York Rangers 4

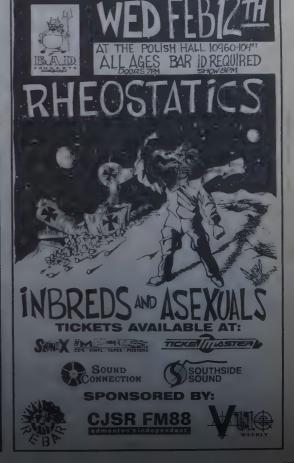
second, Pacific Division

major no-nos. It's amazing how the guys with no heart can look good at the all-star game. Rob Brown, Jimmy Carson, where are you now? You two could have racked up a couple of goals each. This is what I have to say about the all-star game. If there's no hitting, it's not hockey. If it's got a glowing FOX puck, it's not hockey (even though, I must admit, it looks cool when the red streak drills the goalie in the gut. It looks like he's been nailed with a Star Wars blaster). And who designed those all-star uniforms? Imagine, a player works hard all year to become an all-star and then is faced with the humiliation of having to put on a purple multi-streaked uniform. The only good thing about the all-star game was being able to watch Dominik Hasek prove exactly why he's going to put the grab on the Hart and Vezina Trophies. He's carried the Sabres all year and he stoned some of the top shooters in the league in a game where defence takes a vacation. He falls, he flops, he makes saves with his butt and the small of his back—he's the best, period.

John: God only knows why you're kissing Hasek's butt all of a sudden. He may be good but the best? My ass. We'll see how far he takes the Sabres in the playoffs. And the all-star game? Didn't even watch it. Worked instead and it was more fun I'm sure. Any player with any heart (ie. Canadian) knows that the all-star game is a joke. No hitting-what crap! I'd rather be watching the courageous programing offered by the Show-case Network (when are they airing Hussy or 1-900 again?). Don't even mention the all-star game again.









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Music Notes

BY GARY MEGOWAR

ers: the first of 1997's "big shows" is upon us. Thursday night the Convention Centre will host a fine triple bill that sees Moist, I Mother Earth and Mudgirl try to rock the building down the hill. The group Mudgirl (musical collective? tax dodge?) is really Kim Bingham, singer of Montréal's late and lamented Me, Mom & Morgentaler. Calling herself the "camp director" of this floating musical collective, she'll bring Mudgirl on stage at about 9 p.m. Almost 12 months into the release of Scenery and Fish, the iron concritutions of the lads of I Mother Farth are still on the road touring their second disc. It must be working because the disc is now platinum and still moving. Headlining Thursday's show will be Moist. Having opened Neil Young's November show at the Coliseum, terminally pretty David Usher and band are back to headline their own concert in support of the group's current release, Creature. Sounds like a great night, right? Well, if Santa didn't pop a pair of tickets in your stocking last month, you're out of luck. The show is sold out. Next time... buy

if your taste for loud guitars can't be slaked at the Convention Centre, try the Rev on Thursday. A host of local acts like Smak. Fat Man's Belly and the "sometimes-they-serve-you-beer, sometimes-they-play-onstage" ladies of Nil will hold forth. Of particular note are Nil's on-stage gear and stylin' T-shirts. Any holes in musical presentation are more than compensated by their merchandise acumen.



This is the man the Travoltas model themselves on. Scary, isn't it?

URJE may sound like an '80s Vancouver punk band, but it in fact stands for Urban Repertoire Jazz Ensemble. No slackers these, the group features sax wunderkind P.J. Perry, bassist Mike Lent, drummer Dan Skakun, Juno nominee John Stetch on piano and the justback-from-Texas Dean McNeill, who's been studying all things jazz at the University of North Texas' jazz studies program. The group will play the Yardbird Suite Thursday and Friday night with doors opening at 8 p.m.

People's Nightclub has largely disappeared from the live music scene of late, but it makes a welcome return on Friday night. Industrial champs Voice Industrie will play the club that evening. Where else would you get an approximation of jackhammers this time of year?

Once upon a time there was a band from Montréal called Tinker who had a bass player named Melissa Auf der Maur who was the daughter of a long-serving Montréal City Councillor named Nick. When a drug-related death took the life of Seattle bassist Kristen Pfaff, there was suddenly an opening in her band Hole Courtney Love came calling and the lure of fame, fortune and American lucre was obviously too much for a simple Canadian girl to resist. Melissa was gone, but Tinker carried on and you'll be able to see them live at Rebar on Friday night. Ask them about their fondest memories of Melissa.

Those of you with a taste for the bizarre will be at the Sidetrack Friday night when the Travoltas play the room. Hailing from Toronto, the band pack along road cases filled with wide-legged, powder-blue suits, enough gold and silver lamé to blind the ghost of Elvis and an assortment of wigs to round out a look that can only be described as hailing straight from the darkest depths of '70s hell. And the music has nothing to do with Pearl Jam. You'll hear Abba, you'll hear Barry Manilow and (as befits the name) you'll hear lots of stuff from that disco touchstone Saturday Night Fever. You'll laugh, you'll cry and perhaps you'll even strike a Travolta pose (from Fever, not Pulp Fic-

It's been a busy week for the Edmonton Symphony. Tuesday evening, they supported the ever-quirky Randy Newman in his first Edmonton show since a Folk Fest date a couple of years back. On Saturday night they're once again on stage at the Jubilee Auditorium for the world premiere of a work called Borealis. Created by the ESO's Composer-in-Residence John Estacio, the work is an homage to the Northern Lights that so enliven our Edmonton winters.

If visions of warm beaches are more to your liking, the Brewtals will wax down their musical surf board on Saturday night at Rebar. Their Huevos Rancheros-meets-Dick Dale sound is guaranteed to paint a picture of a California that never was—but hey, isn't that what a good fantasy is all about? Also on the bill are the James T. Kirks. And as all Trek fans know, the "T" stands for Tiberius

Finally, long-range sensors detect another CD release party. The King's Horse Pub, delicately set in deepest, darkest Mill Woods, will play host to the disc debut of Edmonton's Floyd That's right... just Floyd Any attempt to affix a prefix to that name could land you face to face with a battery of high-powered, major label music lawyers and nobody wants that. So, enjoy the show and hux a disc

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Name: Jurgen

POW

Notoriety: Bass guitarist with the Jupiter Crash, a band dedicated to pop/rock music.

Next Gig: Jan. 24 at Shapespear's (upstairs at 10306-112 St.).

Home: Sherwood Park.
First concert attended: Billy Joel at the Coliseum in the 1980s.

Age: 28
Whose garage sale would you like to attend?: Marlon Brando's.
Hobbies: Homebrewing and ice

fishing.

If you were an animal, which one would you be?: An albatross.

Last book read: Dostoevsky's Crime

Pet peeves: People who don't return phone calls.

Favorite drink: Darker beers.
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Great musical moment: Listening
to Beatheren's Ninth Symphony



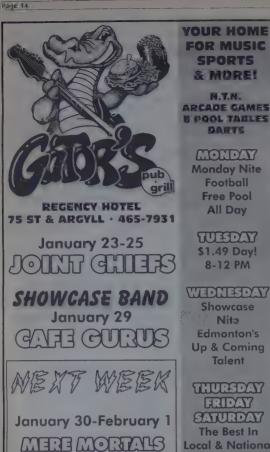
Jurgen Constantinos

There's a point in the fourth movement where the music reaches a climax and it makes my eyes tear up and the hair on the back of my neck stand up.

neck stand up.
First album bought: The Saturday
Night Fever soundtrack.
Favorite movie: The Wild Ones.
Fantasy: I'd like to go on a date
with Ashley Gold. She's an exotic
dancer who plays the Gentleman's

Vices: Insecurity.

Gary McGowan hosts Post Modern Sundays at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Power 92





The Killjoys, from left to right: Mike Trebilcock, Shelley Woods and Gene Champagne

From punk to pop culture

Killjoys flaunt icons to promote musical disenchantment

Local & National Rock 'n' Blues

the national music scene, it was in the form of the pop punk

anthem "Today I Hate Everyone. In its second album, Gimme Five, punk became a distant influence, replaced by pastel-color-

The music had but slight undertones of the hardcore heritage of guitarist/lead singer Mike Tre-bilcock, bassist Shelley Woods and drummer Gene Champagne

Regardless of where the band's ound goes (although it does plan to stay close to the nature of the second outing) odds are the Kill-joys will stay in its home town Hamilton, Ont. instead of heading for the neighboring music mecca, Toronto.

"For one thing, it's really cheap," says Trebilcock. "Also, it's our home base. We've lived here a long time. We really have no reason to leave

"Also, it's this Golden Horseshoe thing because there's a lot of

shoe thing because there's a lot of places one can play.

"A lot of songs sound sunny and happy, but if you really listen to them there is a bit of cynicism," explains Champagne. "There is a lot of pissed-off pop. It sounds happy, but there is a lot of songs about generally fucking up Another label we use for our music is misanthro-pop."

"For one thing, it's really cheap."

-Killjoys vocalist Mike Trebilcock on why the band stays in Hamilton, Ont.

inspirations. Each previous tour has had a name. There's the Have You Seen My Bus Tour? (inspired by the Killjoys van situation), the Five Guys In New Coats Tour (brought about by their nifty wear purchased for a winter tour) and the *Doughnut Tour*, which comes from the plethora of shops offering Canada's unofficial national dish spattered across Hamilton

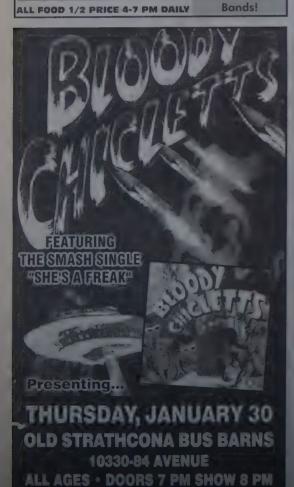
It was in one of these shops which Trebilcock came across the inspiration for the songs that will show up on the next Killjoys project. The band plans to record, either on an EP or a full-length album, "Weird Blue Yonder," a tale of alien abduction.

While ingesting the magical deep-fried product, he overheard deep-fried product, he overheard someone talking about the incident. The emotions put forth by the individual are what the Killioys wish to capture. "It's one thing to see it on TV but it's another thing to see someone describing it." says Trebifcock Another Killioys constant is the constant presence of pop culture. The cover for Gimme Five is a take-off of old '60s records, com-

plete with an adaptation of an old Warner Brothers logo—changing it from Vitasonic to Vitatronic. Added to the ambience are stylized band initials surrounded by the catch phrase "Pop Songs For The Disenchanted."

Even the band's merchandise feeds this fixation. One shirt has sci-fi serial hero Buck Rogers with a Paul Stanley (KISS) eye, while a previous one included a take on the Mattel logo. Although the group doesn't completely understand why these allusions occur, view it as an important element of the band.

round myself with stuff from dif-ferent times in my life Actually fans send us a lot of stuff like Pez and Lik-M-Aid."



Voice Industrie on guard for electronic medium

Voice Industrie loves electronic music and believes those who don't avoid it due to a lack of understanding and connection.
The release of Psychotica in

1992 started a road which would lead core member Alan Levesque (vocals/electronic percussion) through a series of roster changes, various labels and public reactions which ranged from acceptance to disdain.

"I wonder if it doesn't have something to do with a lot of people don't get into electronic music because it isn't testosteroneladen, sweaty music," says Levesque. "I think it alienates some people because they can't relate to the keyboard. It's not something you can bang away at. Electronic music is very cold and some people can't relate to that."

Although founded by three individuals, the band solidified two years ago when Francis Terault (keyboards) took on the role of two members who left. In this form, the band released Anatomie, which continued Voice Industrie's musical tradition.

Although preferring to be labelled as electronic music, Voice Industrie hears critical descripEBM (Electronic Body Music). whatever. Basically, the sound is a beat-laden frenzy of electronic music fronted by vocals reminiscent of a cybernetic Depeche Mode-all which can be danced

However. Prayer, the bands third album planned for 1997, will see Voice Industrie keep its selfset status quo by remaining true to its style while the band's makeup changes completely

Monique Albert, a local singer and former host of an industrial goth show on CJSR, is now doing lead vocals. Although Levesque is relinquishing his four-year hold as main pipes, he doesn't mind the

"I've never considered myself, honestly, truly a singer," says Levesque. "I always did them because I was the only one who would.

With the band's future headed in a steady direction, all it needs to worry about is public perception. Although Canada may not be the most receptive market, Europe wholeheartedy accepts Voice Industrie. In Germany alone. Voice Industrie sold around five times what it was able to market in Canada.

One element the band feels hurts electronic music in North America is the misconceptions about the music. The band has

dustrie's live performance on the basis that it doesn't take a lot of effort due to the fact that most of the songs are replayed by a DAT

Only problem-the group doesn't use one Both Levesque and Terault feel playing all the elements live is part of the whole show. It creates energy and vibe and they believe the human errors that occur add to the ambi-

"It would make our lives much easier-but then, what's the point?" says Levesque. "You might as well put a stereo on the stage and turn it up really loud. I think having a DAT play everything makes it lose all its purpose.

Regardless of public perception. Voice Industrie plans to stand on electronic ground forev-

"With electronic music you're basically capable of doing anything at any time," says Levesque, "With guitar bands you can run the instruments through as many effects as you want, but you're still going to end up sounding like a guitar

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David Davis dresses up his bluegrass

RLUEGRASS

n order to move into the future you have to be firmly planted in the past.

David Davis (mandolin/helmsman) and the Warrior River Boys are walking encyclopedias of bluegrass. They see it as the best path towards furthering

"I think it's very hard—practically impossible—to build a house without a good firm foundation," says Davis. "Now using that imagery, I think it's very hard to stretch out and advance the music without a really

good understanding of the roots.
"I don't just mean the foundations of bluegrass
but further back. What was Bill Monroe |a man who people consider as the father of bluegrass] listening to which allowed him to reach out and build his own

niche? You have to go back to stuff like old-time country music and fiddle music.

"There are some modern bluegrass artists and you can ask who they patterned their style after and they'll mention a modern picker. I think that's a sad

Born in 1961, Davis joined the band in 1980 and took over leadership of the group two years later. Raised in a family swamped in bluegrass, later. Raised in a family swamped in bluegrass, entering into this specific genre seemed like a natural choice. Along with Tom Ewing (guitar-lead vocals), Marty Hays (bass/baritone vocals), Randy Lindley (banjozbass vocals) and fiddler Bill Sage. Davis charts a course which juggles past influences with modern aspirations. It's a trick which Davis sees as the toughest part of creating songs within his chosen realm.

"It's something that's not easy," says Davis. "The foundation of our music is traditional and the trick is trying to navigate a route which involves your own particular take, an individual identity and a sound which will create your own niche."

"One thing we do is take old songs from the '20s and '30s-and '50s country tunes-and juice them up. We try to take songs which other bluegrass artists haven't done and which aren't even from the bluegrass genre.

Although bluegrass has navigated through various swings in popularity, Davis sees an upswing, noticeable in the number of young faces who show up to gigs. He feels people's affection for folk music is translating into fans for his favorite form of musical expression. Also, he finds that when New Country stars mention bluegrass as an influence it does nothing but boost interest in the

Along with setting himself and his bandmates firmly in the history of the music, Davis also finds how one dresses to be an important aspect of performing across the country. Although it may not be apparent when listening to the new album Sounds Like Home or the other eight projects the band has recorded, David Davis and the Warrior River Boys play every show dressed in suits (usually matching) and west-

The headwear comes from what Davis describes ..we've always been a hat band."

comfort. However, the rest of the look borders be-

comiorf. However, the rest of the look borders between a professional philosophy and a desire to play the roles of consummate performers.

"I feel an artist, when he is performing on stage, should look like an artist and not be dressed in jeans and running shoes," says Davis.

"I feel the audience wants to see the artist looking like and artist an not like they ve just been out working all day. I think some of the artists today dress too casually."

David Davis and the Warrior River



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OLP engage on **Clumsy** project

EFRINADAM

After just over a dozen shows, Our Lady Peace ended up in the studio to record it's debut

Four years ago Raine Maida (vocals), Mike Turner (guitars), Jeremy Taggart (drums) and Duncan Coutts came together just to bask in the joy of creating music

The album went on to sell over 500,000 copies in North America On Jan. 23, Clumsy is released and the band will attempt a recreation of past public fervor. Regardless of how the album fares, Our Lady Peace feels it was the creation of the album and not commercial success that matters

The foursome plan to be in the industry for many years. It is the birth of something worthwhile versus a marketable package which concerns them. It's an ideal they feel few other bands follow

"I think that's the biggest tragedy of our generation," says Maida. "I want there to be a few current bands which I can look up to but it's not happening. Years from now. I might not be able to play music for my kids which is from my era. Instead I'll end up playing them stuff like Pink Floyd and

"Being clumsy is a natural thing and it's nothing to be ashamed of. If you're an asshole that's not OK but if you do things because you're clumsy. like you end up saying the wrong thing or such, then that is OK."

> —lead singer Raine Maida, on the rights and wrongs of being clumsy.

Formed in Toronto, Our Lady Peace aren't overly worked-up about pressures other individuals in the music industry tried to associate with the follow-up project. Although there were suggestions on different studios and producers the band should use, OLP felt going back to the same studio and producer-an environment which it was comfortable in-was the

Although far removed from a concept album, both album title and the song ideas come with a basic philosophy attached.

'Some people's actions aren't always what we expect them to be," says Maida. "Being clumsy is a natural thing and it's nothing to be ashamed of. If you're an asshole that's not OK but if you do things because you're clumsy, like you end up saying the wrong thing or such, then that is OK.

Maida's lyrics are image-heavy Although laden with very visual ideas, the lyrics are fairly vague

and enable the listener to interpret freely.

"The lyrics are very personal and I don't think my life is that unique that I should force it on other peo-ple," says Maida. "I like to keep the concepts of my personal side and turn them into something more general. That way people can connect to the music on their level rather than my level."

The 11 new songs remain faithful to the modern rock edge of Naveed while edging towards new ideas and influences. By experimenting in stages on the new recording, OLP feels it is engineering new creative space for itself. The new sounds which pop up on Clumsy will flower into full-blown ideas in the future.

"What we did with Clumsy is leave bigger parameters for future recordings," says Maida. "Every time you hear something unusual on Clumsy which you didn't here on Naveed, it's just another seed we've planted.'

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Tinker-ing with the lineup

BY STRUCK SANDON

rock bands go gently into that good night? Some break up without bitterness, some break up nastily—like a relationship gone horribly wrong (don't they all?), some succumb to the lure of the steady paycheque offered by the "day job" and some break up for the sole purpose of cashing in on a reunion tour a couple of years later.

So, which of the above scenarios describes Tinker? None of the above. In 1994, the Montréal-based foursome garnered critical raves on both sides of the Atlantic after the release of two seven-inch singles on New York's Bear Records. "Green Machine" and "Realalie" were fuzzed-out guitar trips sprinkled with a generous amount of hummable bits—as if Galaxie 500 or Mercury Rev had decided their most important influence was the Beatles, not the Velvet Underground The Quebec press extolled the genius of Tinker songwriters Steve Durand and Melissa Auf der Maur.

Everything was going great... until Courtney Love

She drafted Auf der Maur to play in Hole, the post-grunge band that's personal problems have outstripped the critical acclaim garnered by '95's *Live Through This*. Auf der Maur replaced Kristen Pfaff on bass—Pfaff had died of a heroin overdose (this type of tragedy has almost become a cliché). With one of Tinker's songwriting pair out of the band, guitarist Jordon Zadorozny informed Durand that he was leaving as well. Zadorozny went on to form Blinker the

Tinker was through just as the band was gaining

Tinker was through just as the band was gaining steam. Or so everyone thought...

But, two years later, the band resurfaced on Bear Records with Receiver, a much more straightforward, pop-oriented alternarock album. Durand drafted two friends (bassist Eric Digras and drummer Patrick Conan) and had reformed the band as a three-piece. Tinker's focus had changed The sweeping, hypnotic guitar opuses had been replaced by witty simple melodies. Not only had the band reformed, it had reformed uself.

second release Soft Shell Friend.

"Everyone has learned a lot from the Tinker experience-both those who left and those who stayed, says Durand over the phone from Toronto as he and a few friends party down in preparation to see the Jesus Lizard and Brainiac. "We don't really play the sons we wrote before Melissa left anymore.

"The sound is different now that we're a trio. When we had four, the songs were more dreamy

Now they are less layered and more straight-ahead."

As the key songwriter behind Tinker, Durand admits that the changes in the band forced him to change the way he approached the craft of songwriting.

"When Tinker started, me and Melissa were just learning to play our instruments. Now, me, Pat and Eric write songs, the female presence is gone. So far, it's been awesome.

Durand admits that the trio had "their heads up their asses" a bit during the recording of Receiver.

"I went in with two guys and everything was off-the-cuff and naïve at the same time."

Even though Tinker is just beginning to find its road legs again (how about this for a supportive indie label? Bear records bought the boys a new touring van) and has garnered some interest from major labels, Durand isn't about to sit still and enjoy

major tapets, Durand isn't about to sit still aid enjoy the fruits of his labor. He's already thinking about recording the band's third full-length record.

"The third album will build on the strength of the second and the naiveté of the first. We've been jamming for quite a while and our songs are really

While others may have lost faith in Tinker. Durand has worked diligently to keep his rock and roll dream alive. While Blinker the Star and Hole have recorded for major labels, Tinker has managed to rekindle its fan base and remain in the critics good books. Who said success was supposed to be easy,

Do Rose Chronicles smell as sweet?

THE ROSE CHRONICLES Happily Ever After (Nettwerk)

When the Rose Chronicles burst onto the scene a couple of years back, the band was immediately compared to the shoegazing likes of My Bloody Valentine, Curve and Lush—bands that all use hypersonic guitar sound-scapes as a soundbed for an overthe-top, operatic female vocal styler.

That comparison can still work but isn't quite as accurate a descrip tion for the band's second record This is more of a straight-edge effort—the songs are simpler and more direct—hell, the lead track, "Bruise," could even work as a hit guitar-rawk

anthem for those dinosaur stations.
But Kirsty Thirsk's high-end vo-Cols backing done. Even though the songs require less concentration to enjoy than on previous Rose Chronicles efforts, there's only so much faerie wailing that the human ear cast hole.

Taken in small doses, the Rose Chronicles second album is a rewarding effort. But if you take it all in during one sitting, expect to show the same effects as prisoners endur-ing Chinese Water Torture. Thirsk could show a little restraint every

once in a while.

While not as hypnotic as the band's first album, Happily Ever After manages to fulfill the back-tobasics approach many Canadian bands are taking with their music. My Bloody Valentine haven't released anything in almost five years— thanks to inaction, MBV have basi cally destroyed the shoegazing gen-

Steven Sandor

BEUGARPUBB (independent)

Sturdy, well-thought out arrangements and lush but uncluttered pro-duction values highlight this aboveaverage indie effort from this moody

average indie effort from this moody
T.O. pop group.
Vocalist Catalin Calinescu sounds
like a half-dozen different people
(R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe, Ed Kowalczyk of Live, Ian Astbury of The Cult
and The Doors' Jim "Buffalo-butt"
Morrison, among others), but guitarist Robert Varga steals the spotlight
with his deft use of dated FX, most of
which are normally associated with which are normally associated with which are normally associated with other types of music, namely the whammy bar (rockabilly) and the wah-wah pedal (porno-film sound-tracks). Somehow, neither sounds anywhere near as tacky as they could, despite their massive potential to do so, in the wrong hands. Generally, the band aims for ten-

generally, the band aims for ten-sion; frequently, it hits bullseyes. All mall, Clib is a compelling album, particularly when compared to pab-lum like Michael Bolton (like, how can anyone work when he's playing. can anyone work when he is playing, without getting caught up in one of his tear-jerking epics and crying all over-everything?) or that bloody an oxying Evita soundtrack (If I have to hear Madonna singing that damn "Don't Cry For Me, Argentina" again, I'll join the fuckin' RAF).

T.C. Show

DARDEN SMITH Deep Fantastic Blue (Plump/True North Records)

With what sounds like a limited set of pipes, Smith's singing pulls emotion from these lyrics like honey from a jar. Songs are about thing which never really materialize as stories but suggest them, such as his observations of down-and-outers in Broken Branches (Off the Family

And what really makes this album hummable is his gift for a good melody "First Day of the Sun," "Drowning Man," "Different Train," "Chariots" and especially "Skin," are all standouts. The wonderfully complimentary electric guitar work of Richard Kennedy and

on almost every cut.
I need skin, love is the one true skin, we all want to walk around in I hope he comes walking through town again, this time with this band

Ken Soehn

PIGEOMIED The Full Sentence (Sub-Pop)

What makes the work of Dean and Gene Ween so enduring? Surely, it's not their musicianship or astounding songwriting ability. Ween is a great band simply because it revels in its own drum-machine backed, self-indulgent amateurism. If Ween that's the point

The second effort from Pigeon-hed (the synth-funk brainchild of Seattle producer-celebre Steve Fisk) is easy to compare to Ween. The 14 songs (which feature such illustrious guest musicians as Soundgarden's Kim Thayil and Jerry Cantrell from Alice in Chains) are wanky, self-indulgent Bontempi-electric organ odes to pop-music silliness. But

making dumb synth-pop and trans-

AL ANDERSON: Pay Before You Pump (Imprint) For openers, Big Al's disc will have you guessing whether he's a li'l bit country or a li'l bit rock and roll, mainly due to the fact that much of the album gets down harder than (nyuk, nyuk) Warrant '96, even with the new haircuts. Anderson's penchant for penning such genre-bending dit ties has more than one pop icon genuflecting at someone other than themselves for a change, if only briefly. Therefore, don't be totally shocked to find the likes of Elvis Costello and Delbert McClinton alongside more predictable guests such as Bill Anderson, K. K. Falkner and ever-busy producer Scott Baggett, Just how big is that bandwagon, anyway? (Shaw) AL ANDERSON: Pay Before You

ENIGMA: Le Roi Est Mort, Vive Le

This week's newest discs

Fisk is well known for his use of cheesy efx to enliven serious, brooding guitar bands. He's added tinny keyboards to the Wedding Present and added the sounds of sprouting springs to the work of the Halo Benders. Even though his work with the instrumental project Pell Mell was inventive, he's better described as a master collaborator—a man whose niche is to work with he genius of others. In Pigeonhed, the onus is on his to come up with the ideas. He can do no better than to be trite. Get a sense of humor, Mr. Fisk.

Steven Sandor

RACHEL MATELIF Living Beyond Our Dreams (Cross Country)

No question about it. Canadian country music is making a respecta ble stab at grabbing a little of the gusto, which is a tough thing to do given the stranglehold Nashville has

More than any other type of music, success in country depends on what happens offstage and outside of the studio, so therefore, it remains to be seen whether Matkin has the front office support to carve

DAMIEN IURADO: Waters Ave S. (Sub-Pop) Damien Jurado's music is best described as Bob Dylan-meet-Dest described as Bob Dylan-meeting-'60s-bachelor-pad trifle; the kind of stuff that makes perfect sonic wallpaper at your girlfriend's parties. That's if you had a girlfriend, Jurado's work is inoffensive—far better than tolerable—but at the same time, there's a nagging feeling that he'll just get lost in the shuffle of solo-singer/sonewriters out there. But, you can't songwriters out there. But, you can't totally dismiss an album that features a bumblebee credited as an actual

THE BORROWERS: s/t (Guardian) No doubt, this is a well-named band: they seem to have absorbed a little they seem to have absorbed a little bit of about a dozen or so of the last decade's most influential bands, decade's most influential bands, R.E.M., Tom Petty, Bruce Springsteen, Blowme & the Whofish the list even extends to BOF's like Fleetwood Mac, Bob Dylan, John Mellencamp, Dire Straits—gawd, sounds like a K-Fel compilation, don't it? Should I now list eight song fitles and askyou to match 'em together? Don't be surprised to find the Borrowers coming on stronger than one of Don Cherry's sport jackets, only to eventually fold faster than Superman on laundry day. (Shaw)

CALVIN WIGGETT: Made For Each Other (Royalty 24)

time since unorganised, raw talent (along the lines of that 100 per cent certified pill-poppin' deviant, good ol' Hank Williams Sr.) has broken through the network of connections and affiliations that seems to domi nate the genre nowadays

However, Matkin makes good use of her resources, picking suitable material, including a Robbie Robert son track (sharing the vocals with Jin Byrnes, no less). And hey, at the very least, she doesn't reek of that tacky that has frequently turned C'n'W into a humorless parody of itself. The ar rangements are as earthy as anything else released this year (or decade, for that matter) and the finished result compares favorably with anything to come out of Nashville (or anywhere

tar; pedal steel; and harmonica mesh with tight, lively harmonies and en-ergetic ensemble playing that are the calling cards for this very re-spectable debut from a singer who should, if talent alone still has any like is, basically, another failed rocker, which is a nice change in itself Now, about the question of in-

jecting a little breadth of subject and... hmmm... come to think of it, that's about it, innit?

T.C. Shaw

lads. Song choices range from hot to cold, production is great and Wiggett has a truly nice voice. He enjoys what he does and it shows in such tearjerkers as "Missing You." It'll be interesting to hear this guy again with his own band and some miles under his the control of the control under his shoes. (Giguere)

PAT METHENY GROUP: Quartet (WEA) I can truly say that I've been an avid listener of Pat Metheny's work for almost 15 years, even through his New Age jazz influ-ences. When listening to this al-bum, I'm reminded of the first time bum, I'm reminded of the first time I saw Pat Metheny live. It was a free concert in July of 1989 at the Toronto Jazz Fostival. I walked away from the show knowing I just took part in one of the greatest live experiences ever. Anyway. Quartet is a sincere pleasure to my ears. The album evokes memories of Metheny's more brilliant writing days and the production is crisp. (Doolin O'Malley)

EVELYN GLENNIE: Drumming (BMG) Take a whole bunch of talent, throw in heaping helpings of schooling and hard work—you'll get something approaching what Evelyn Glennie, per cussionist OBE, has to work with Tike any great diva (Diamanda Galas comes to mind) Glennie, nerforms sognitus acquiting



7 Stories explores suicide tale

THEATRE BY ARAXI

Y'know, I can't remember the last time I had a good chuckle at the sight of a man about to jump off a high-rise.

The answer probably rests with the fact that nothing IS funny about the prospect of someone leaping to his/her death. Especially at this time of year, when many of us are in debt up to our yin-yangs and can more than realize the logic in one step too many off the 20th

But don't tell that to Morris Panych

Or the Walterdale

Panych's 7 Stories, a play set on the ledge of a seven-storey building where a man is perched to jump, is set to take a flying leap at the Walterdale Theatre.

Nobody could say that the theatre hasn't been taking risks lately First to risk the ire of die-hard Agatha Christie fans with The Mousetrap, then seeking out virgin playwrights for their one-act festival? I mean, really guys. Don't you think you're pushing your luck just a little bit?

"It's sick," says director Matt Kowalchuk, "but it's sweet too."

You mean like pork.

"The humor," insists Kowalchuk, "it's very dark. If you took Samuel Beckett and had him write an episode of Taxi, you'd have the style of this play—like an absurdist sitcom.

Though the man on the ledge is the first thing the audience may see, he soon becomes perfunctory as the focus turns to the people inside. The audience watches it allfrom the eighth storey of a building across the street

But don't worry, you vertigo sufferers. It's all just a clever optical illusion

The constant flow of madeap characters is not.

"He keeps meeting these people who keep popping out of windows. He winds up finding even more reasons to jump!" Kowalcuk laughs. "He meets this 100-yearold woman and he thinks, hey, she's been alive for so long she must know something. But she encourages him to jump most of

The prospective self-violator becomes so distracted by the goings-on around him, he stays his own execution... at least for a

"The lead character of this play, nobody asks him his name. They're too obsessed with their own lives to notice anything beyond that."

In an accelerating society, loss of identity and connection can be as common as a cold in February. The play is more about hope than it is about hopelessness.

Panych's life-message in 7 Sto-

ries is what really attracted the director to the project. The ensemble of 13 actors along with a bevy of volunteers have come together to create, not to preach The young director has applied this credo in all aspects of the rehearsal process. Instead of chastising his novice performers for inappropriate character work, Kowalchuk believes in allowing the actors to dig themselves out of the problems

Not a lot of people know how much work goes into it all. There's a little bit of everyone in this show My job is to let them create, to make unity.

sports, Kowalchuk feels he's prepared for just about anything... especially those lovely theatre snafus we all hear about

"Everything I learned there is incredibly important. It's development. I always knew I wanted to do

Kowalchuk's one true desire (aside from having a few more cents to his name in the pursuit of his craft) is that 7 Stories gets people talking. If not the nigh-intellectual kind with the tiniest coffees the human hand can hold, then perhaps some casual chatter about life, love and the universe over

Is that too much to ask?

7 Stories Waiterdale Jan. 29-Feb. 8

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ties to watch others prance across the world's stage while trying not to slip and fall on their hums. And just think, only seven more months until the Fringe...

Has the nasty shut-in weather got you scribbling? Been thumbing through your old writings or do you have a tidy piece of prose just waiting for the thespianic lips to make it sing? The Playwright's Union Of Canada is holding it's First Annual Monologue Competition. Submitted pieces must not be previously published or produced in any format and not exceed 75 lines. All writers and playwright may enter and you can enter as many times as your kooky heart desires... just make sure you include a \$10 submission fee for each payable to PUC. Submit to-Monologue Competition, Playwright's Union Of Canada, 44 Wolseley Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5T 2P3. Need more 411? Check out their net-site at bttp:// www.puc.ca/puc/news.btml://mon ologue or call (416) 703-0201. And remember, it's for 500 smackeroos and the prestige of your peers.

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Reviewer swallows strobe comments

THEATRE BY ARAD ARSTAUMS If there's one thing I hate as a theatre practitioner, it's incompe-tent reviewers. Y'know the ones I'm talking about. You go to a play, have f there's one thing I hate as a

the greatest time, read the review the next day and wonder if it's for the

What you saw as a tongue-in-cheek musical about the woes of the middle class becomes "the reason the theatre is dying" or "the bomb the Enola Gay never dropped" or "how do you spell disaster (insert show's name in caps with little dashes in between the letters)" in print.

name in caps with little dashes in between the letters)" in print. Clueless People are, in fact, the fastest growing demographic in North America. They're responsible for all the signs we see around these days. The ones on the top of buildings that say "Don't Jump" or the ones on metal poles that say "Don't Stick Your Tongue On Me." Until now, I had always considered myself to be on the home team. But alas, all is not perfect on this tumbling ball of soil we call the Earth. For this humble reviewer found herself in the aforementioned category after attending Shadow Theatre's *The Cartoonist* Jan. 14. The corresponding article in the Jan. 16-22 issue complained of the use of strobe lights in the show. I complained about the lack of signage, warning.

sponding article in the Jan. 16-22 issue complained of the use of strobe lights in the show. I complained about the lack of signage warning about the use of strobes in the show.

Ahem. Not only was there one such sign in the Varscona lobby that night. There were three. I wasn't paying attention. My printed rampage was a stain on the theatre's professionalism, standards and reputation and deserves an immediate apology. And a thank you.

The fact that this community is empowered enough to call it's media on its blunders and enact change is good for everyone concerned. Being called on my mistakes only serves to make me more diligent in delivering the goods each Thursday.

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Gala puts different spin on library Tuxes, Tiles and Tales to mark second fundraising year

f for no other reason, come for the librarians in leather.

Tuxes, Tiles, and Tales-the Edmonton Public Library's gala membership event-is back. One of the best party values going, the \$25 admission gets you a package worth over \$40, including an adult library membership for a year, a ticket to an Edmonton Drillers game, food coupons redeemable at the event for samples of the Westin's international cuisine and coupons from various restaurants and retailers around the city

The membership drive is geared towards the younger crowd, says new library director Linda Cook

We'd done a membership survey a few years ago and found that the memberships for the 18 to 35-yearold group weren't quite as high as we'd hoped. So we wanted to stage an event that would appeal to that group in particular," she says. "And then secondly, we're always trying to cast off that dull image that librarians and libraries seem to have.

The marketing seems to have worked. Last year's Tuxes event was the first of its kind and over 800 at-

Tuxes is billed as an "alternative gala," because of the targeted age group and the variety of entertainment.

For the ultra-hip, there will be a fashion show, featuring local designers like Glam Slam, Eldean, and Concrete

Salon on Sixth will be staging a Mardi Gras style hair show, much like

"It will be crazy," Cook declares Last year, one model wore a live bird in a cage on her head.

For the more cutthroat, a Scrabble competition offers six winners Deluxe Scrabble game sets. And last year's popular funny-money casino will be

"It will be play money that they will be playing with," Cook explains. "But at the end of the evening there are going to be a number of prizes that they can win depending on how much money they have made

And if you think the word "cutthroat" is too strong, you may be sur-

"I could not believe how people get so competitive," Cook laughs. They're going around trying to buy other people's money so that they can end up with the most.

Back again is the silent auction, with over 50 items to be sold so far. And what would a gala be like without dancing? Tilo Paiz and his Banda Amistad, very popular last year, are bringing their hot latin dance music back to Tuxes.

Partiers are encouraged to dress up as celebrities, but Tuxes is also being heralded as the "no-stress dress

"We're really encouraging people to be really creative," Cook explains. "To wear anything from a tux to a business suit to blue jeans to leather to whatever they want, whatever they're comfortable in

Last year, the costumes ranged from long gowns to blue jeans. "We had people, it looked like they were just about to climb one of the mountains in Jasper," Cook says. "We had people in business suits."

And then there were the librarians

"I came across some librarians in full black leather with the chains and everything," Cook says. "I thought, 'whoa.' It looked like they were ready to hop on a motorcycle.

"No one felt they weren't dressed for the occasion '

While the event seeks to raise the library's profile amongst the young, people from every walk of life attended last year.

"We had people like Peter Pocklington, Glen Sather, the society kinds of people," Cook says

"We had a lot of university kids there and a lot of librarians."

Fundraising events like Tuxes show that times have changed for institutions like the library—it gets most of its funding from the city, along with money from the provincial government. Spending cuts are affecting the library's

"When I first entered this profession many, many years ago, libraries were considered to be motherhood. You didn't touch them.... They were libraries, so they got funding," Cook says. "Now we're in competition with emergency health units, social services, education. We have to justify our existence. And we know we do a very good job of that."

The library undertook a capital fundraising campaign last year because a



new branch had not been opened in the city in 14 years

"And you know how fast the city's growing," Cook notes

A new branch opened in Lessard last October and two other branches are planned in Abbotsfield and the southwest. The goal for this stage is to raise \$1.6 million and the library has collected about \$900,000 so far.

Capital projects are something Cook sees suited to fundraising.

"I strongly believe you shouldn't fundraise for operating—especially for a library. There has to be funds that the board can count on to operate a li-

brary."
This year, the library will spend

"We're just like everybody else. We aren't getting any increases in terms of inflation," Cook says. "And because it's so important to us to ensure we get these branches open, we have to take it out of our materials

"So we're really close to the bone," Cook states, encouraging people to donate anything they can.

But fundraising has not gone smoothly, Cook admits

'It's tough times for everybody. So many organizations now have to fundraise in order to keep their heads above water. And so the library, of course, is just another one that's doing fundraising. So quite frankly, it hasn't gone as well as we had hoped initially."

There was even some controversy when the downtown Centennial Library downtown was renamed the Stanley A. Milner Library after Milner gave the library \$250,000.

"It's true that he gave a quarter of a million dollars and as a result, not necessarily just of that, the name was changed to his name," Cook says. "But Stan Milner was the one who made this library possible back in 1967. He was chair of the board then and he really fought for a Centennial Library. And he has been a major donor throughout the years

But not everyone saw this as a great idea

There was a little bit of fallout from the general community because to some people it's perceived that if you have money, then you get a building named after you and is that really fair and the library is sort of a public trust and should it be treated that way? But that was a small group and it was very initially

Nothing else is in the works for a name change right now

"But if anybody has an extra quarter of a million, we'd be glad to," Cook

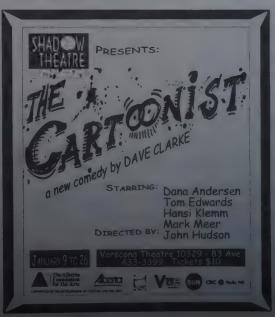
In the age of the Internet, some may ask if the library is even relevant anymore Cook is confident about the library's move into the 21st century

"I see technology very much as the tool that we use as opposed to something that's going to take us over," she So, we are embracing technology We think it's going to help us do our job a lot better and a lot faster. That's how I see it. In terms of the Internet, right now it's fairly commercial and it's going to become costly to use."

She likens the Internet to having the whole collection of the Edmonton Public Library thrown into the middle of a room

"It's very difficult to access things on the Internet. And also, it's very difficult to verify the accuracy of the information that's on the Internet. And those are the kinds of things that libraries can do and will continue to do."

Tuxes, Tiles and Tales The Westin Hotel





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Pentecost offers theatrical melting pot

RY ANUMEY WEER

pritish playwright David Edgar set out to make a statement about art, language, history, religion, war, politics and the human spirit when he wrote

Inadvertantly, Edgar's play, with a cast of 17, is also making a statement about the current state of theatre in Edmonton

Not only is it financially impossible for local theatres to produce a non-musical play with such a large cast, but the fact there were sufficient top-notch actors available to fill the parts is a sad indicator of a chilly

Director Jim Guedo had been trying to convince established regional theatres to produce Pentecost for the past two years. But most theatres hoping to turn a profit must produce plays with much smaller casts. Luckily, grants are not yet a thing of the past and Guedo, with his solid track record, was able to secure sufficient funding to produce the work as a co-operative effort under the name Renaissance Theatre Pro-

The action of the play takes place in an abandoned church in an Eastern European country. The curator of a national museum discovers the church is the hiding place of a fresco which could turn out to be the art find The painting's significance? It is thought to predate by 100 years a painting universally considered to have launched the Renaissance period

Pentecost may not sound like it will melt away your mid-winter blahs, but Guedo assures there is humor in the script, describing it as "Bulgarian Robert Altman."

Close to a third of the play is spoken in languages other than English. Only two of the play's 30 characters speak English as their first language. Turkish, Polish, Ukrainian-there'll be more tongues than at a

Safeway meat counter.

Although the playwright provides both a phonetic and literal translation in the script, the actors have been meeting with members of Edmonton's various ethnic groups, listening to tapes and watching videos

to provide authenticity to their challenging roles.
Guedo feels the play's diverse language reinforces one of the central themes of the play.

"Barriers of language break down and at the core of it, everybody is a human," he says.

While the events unfolding in Eastern Europe may seem far removed from the Canadian experience, the Quebec separation issue and rights of First Nations people are the Canadian equivalent, Guedo asserts. It is only our response which is so different.

Says Guedo, "We aren't quite as militant about it; we don't go to war about it. We just whine.

Fentecost Jan. 30-Feb. 9

Vinok fundraiser born on Bayou

BY LARISSA

dmit it. You've had it up to here with snow, cold and frozen cars. Spring is still a long way off.

But while plane tickets to warmer locales are out of the question after the Christmas spending frenzv. there is a way to escape the Arctic clutches of winter. Edmonton's own Vinok Folkdance Ensemble is hosting a Mardi Gras Jan. 25 with food, drink, music and dance with a Creole theme

Mardi Gras is, of course, the last big hurrah before the 40 (but feels like 400) days of Lent and is usually held on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The calendar may say Shrove Tuesday is still a few weeks down the road, but those singing and dancing Vinoks just

"This is the third year in a row we've held a dress-up fundraiser, explains Leanne Koziak, who shares the title of artistic director with husband Doyle Marko.

"The last two years it was a Gypsy Carnival theme and the re-sponse was wonderful. One of our tre the evening this year around

the carnival atmosphere of Mardi part of the Mardi Gras tradition and we've found that dressing in a costume helps everyone to really get into the spirit of the evening. They tend to let loose a little bit more and meet more people.

The Chateau Louis Conference Centre will be transofrmed into the French Quarter of New Orleans beginning at 6 p.m. as guests nosh on Cajun appetizers, followed by a hearty dinner complete with gumbo and jambalaya. As diners sit back and digest, jazz music, mimes and the Vinok dancers will

"Vinok is presenting Cajun and Appalachian clogging," says Koziak. "Cajun is a really unique style, as the music and dancing came into popularity only in the last 20 years. The dancing has been heavily influenced by the Texas two-step, jitterbug and the waltz.

"Using a similar pattern to the Texas two-step, the Cajun dancers improvise a great deal of the dance-it's very unique and inter-

Vinok is probably one of the only places you'll ever see Cajun or Appalachian dancing north of the 49th parallel. A professional company of dancers, singers and musi-

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cians, Vinok has garnered a reputation for presenting folk dance with an authentic look, sound and feel With a repertoire of works from Turkey to Cape Breton, Vinok boasts an impressive breadth of works and a mighty large wardrobe-none of which comes free.

"It is a fundraising event for us, so one of the features is a silent auction," says Koziak. "We have everything, from artwork to collectibles, Trappers baseball skyboxes, restaurant packages, even a ski trip to Kimberly, B.C. As well, every ticket holder will have their name entered to win a trip for two to the New Orleans Mardi Gras, staying at the deluxe Wyndham Riverfront

Winning that trip would cure anyone of the winter blues. Even if you don't win, though, a little Cajun spice goes a long way in Ed-monton at this time of year-and don't forget your costume.

Tickets for the Mardi Gras fun-draiser are \$50 and can be pur-chased from the Vinok office,

Mardi Gras Vinok Fundraiser Chateau Louis Conference Centre Jan. 25





Mother's Irish dilemma makes for intense film

FILM BY JASON MARGOLIS

reland seems to have a booming film industry, at least compared to Canada.

In the past few years we have seen the likes of Circle of Friends, Widow's Peak and Into the West, as well as American-financed fare like The Commitments, The Secret of Roan Inish and Michael Collins

As a consequence, I now feel I know far more about the troubles in Ireland than I do about the whole Quebec separation issue here at home

None of this is meant to dismiss the latest Irish export, Some Mother's Son, a based-on-a-true-story film from the same folks who brought us In the Name of the Father. Although Some Mother's Son is predictably bleak and intense, it is elevated by fine performances and well-crafted storytelling.

The time is 1979. A young conservative British politician has vowed to eradicate the IRA, using the nation's prison system as a key weapon in his attack Borders are closed off and access roads used by the IRA are blocked.

Recent Golden Globe winner Helen Mirren (The Cook, The Thief, His Wife and Her Lover—she played "The Wife") stars as Kathleen Quigley, a single mother and school teacher who finds the British presence in her homeland mostly an inconvenience and not really something to get in a huff over.

However, her son Gerard (Aiden Gillen, Circle of Friends) sees things differently. While taking a year off college to find himself, Gerard becomes involved with the IRA and even uses his mother's car in an attack on

Gerard lives a rather comfortable middle-class existence at home with his mother, bank employee sister Alice (Geraldine O'Rawe, Circle of Friends) and little brother Liam (Ciaran Fitzgerald).

On the other hand, his friend Frank Higgins (David O'Hara, Mel Gibson's somewhat psychotic Irish side-

kick from Bravebeart) comes from more of a revolutionary background, having already lost a brother in clashes with the British. Frank's feisty sister is a student of Kathleen Quigley's. Her beliefs have led to some difficulties between her mother Annie (Fionnula Flanagan, TV's Ewok Adventure) and teacher Kathleen

Things change one Christmas Eve when the Higgins household is raided by the British military, who arrest Frank and his guest Gerard. They are quickly tried and found guilty of assorted crimes by the British court, which they refuse to recognize. They declare themselves prisoners of war and decline to wear the proper British prison uniform

As a consequence, they are detained in H Block, a select area of the Maze Prison reserved for Irish protesters. Like other H Block protesters, they wear brown blankets and grow out their hair and beards-it's a

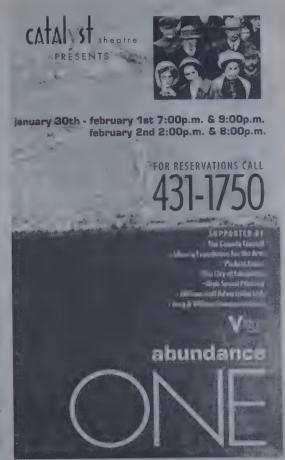
whole prison ward of people who look like Jesus Now sharing the concern for their sons, Kathleen and Annie develop an unlikely friendship as they campaign for prison reform

Annie turns to Danny Boyle (Ciaran Hinds, Mar) Reilly)—not the director of Trainspotting but the leader of Belfast's chapter of Sein Fenn (the political wing of the IRA) Kathleen is initially reluctant to accept the help of the Sein Fenn, but when the H Block prisoners declare a hunger strike, Kathleen begins to undergo a change of heart

Soon Kathleen is out campaigning for the election of H Block leader Bobby Sands (John Lynch, The Secret of Roan Inish) to Parliament and engaging in somewhat underhanded efforts to end her son's hunger strike

And while Kathleen and Annie ultimately make different choices in their political stands, they reach a final, heartbreaking point of mutual understanding. It is the unusual and realistic relationship between the two mothers that makes this film rewarding.

Some Mother's Son Cineplex Odeon



Papa's war life not so grand

t seems that since his epic biography Gandhi swept the 1983 Academy Awards, director Richard Attenborough has been cited as an heir to the great David Lean.

His latest film, In Love and War, however, appears to be nothing more than a checklist of Lean's achievements molded around a rather insubstantial story concerning Ernest Hemingway's wartime exploits in Italy, which served as inspiration for his novel A Fare-

In Love and War takes place during the First World War, the during the First World War, the same period as Lean's best-known films. Lawrence of Arabia and Dr. Zbivago. The film explores a tragic love story, much like Zbivago and syan's Daughter There's camtaderie among soldiers, like in Bridge on the River Kwai and a prolonged romantic excursion to Venice, evoking Summertime

Chris O'Donnell plays the young Hemingway as a conceited

Chris O'Donnell plays the young Hemingway as a conceited and capricious aspiring journalist who manages to become a war hero by disregarding his commander's authority and rescuing those whose lives he has apparently endangered. In other words, he's kind of a literary George Costanza

The 19-year-old Hemingway volunteered with the Red Cross as a means of discovering some adventures to write about, but was

"moral support" duty of serving coffee and cigarettes to Italian sol-

After surviving a foxhole shelling attack and subsequently get-ting shot in the leg as he rescued a young soldier, Hemingway found himself recuperating in a wartime hospital staffed by fellow Red Cross workers. Most of the others injured in the hospital just happened to be Harvard buddies of Hemingways, one of whom was Harry Villard (Mackenzie Astin, recently seen in *The Evening Star*) who was hospitalized for jaundice.

Hemingway's leg developed

gangrene, but American nurse Agnes Von Kurowsky (superstar Sandra Bullock) managed to con-vince the Italian hospital surgeon to allow time to treat the wound with new techniques she learned at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, saving Hemingway's leg. In gratitude Hemingway wastes no time in flirt-ing with Vow Kurrwsky, utterly dis-regarding the fact she is seven years

regarding the lact she is securivers older than he However, Hemingway is challenged in his affections by his friend Villard and the surgeon, played by Emilio Benucci. As Yon Kurowsky, Bullock delivers what has become expected of her a sweet, girl-next-door with a mildly sassy attitude. I have already reviewed a number of Bullock films and 1 always say the same thing about her, which doesn't say much for the evolution of her career. In fact, she has already "Wrestled Ernest Hemingway," so to speak, in an earlier film.

pressive as Hemingway, primarily because his character is not that likeable

Inevitably, this film is going to be compared with The English Patient, a far superior film also set in wartime Italy (albeit a different war). The nurse and the rather unlikeable patient in that film do not fall in love, but they do wind up having a far more interesting relationship. And, just to rub it in, it's also a far more romantic and

To be fair, however, there is some discernable chemistry between Bullock and O'Donnell. They don't exactly set the screen on fire with their passion, but it is

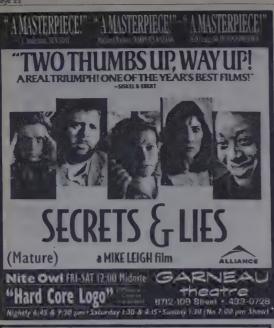
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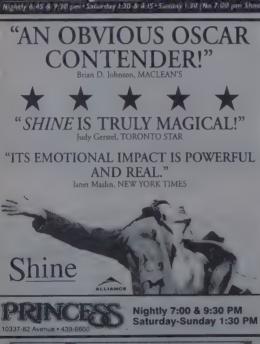
Attenborough's recent biographies have all suffered from flaws.

Cry Freedom focussed more on Kevin Kline's journalist than Denzel Washington's heroic Steven Biko and Chaplin was just too rambling, much like star Robert Downey Jr.'s own life

The most obvious of In Love d War's several flaws has to be and War's several flaws has to be the lack of an apparent age difference between Bullock and O'Donnell Sure, the 31-year-old Bullock is in reality older than the 26 year-old O'Donnell but visual ly they both seem to be about the same age—negating the film's obsessive dialogue about Hemingway and Von Kurowsky's supposedly significant age difference







'CHUCK YU, FARLEY!

ET ADRIAN LACKET

secret society of ninja warriors and their teachers have a time-honored prophecy: One day a white boy will come into their midst and become the first caucasian ninja master.

Cut to 20 years in the past when a tow-headed, butterball of a boy is shipwrecked and washed up on a remote beach in Japan to become the first non-Oriental ninja master. Hollywood high concept hooey?

Well, let's just say that occidents will happen...
The ninjas rename the orphan Haru. He is a stumblebum of a boy, he grows up to become Chris Farley, who is a stumblebum of man. In fact, he is so clumsy with the nunchuck sticks he is the only one in his class to flunk out of ninja school. One night while being left in care of the ashes of the fallen ninjas (don't tell me you can't see the sight gags coming), he is approached by a beautiful woman-Allison-to track her scheming boyfriend. Turns out her boyfriend is a member of the Japanese mob who is embroiled in a scheme to counterfeit 10,000 yen. Haru is framed for a murder and is forced to hide in a tub of squid guts, a material in which Farley can easily camouflage himself.

lette Sheridan) to Beverly Hills, where her boyfriend is going to print up millions of the fake bills. The truly hilarious anachronism here is while platen plates are used for the counterfeiting, they are printed on an offset press

The good news is that, unlike the vast majority of Chris Farley vehicles, this one doesn't feature that smarmy preppie David Spade. The bad news is that this movie suffered from the lack of Spade's presence. In his place is fellow Saturday Night Live alumnus Chris Rock, who is Haru's sidekick (No pun intended).

In the end credits, Farley's name heads the list of stunt men as he spends most of the movie running his ponderous body into and through things. So, Farley can do his own stunts... that's a lot like me bragging that I do most of my own typing.

As of this writing, BHN has raked in an astounding \$10 million on its first weekend of release. This is what H.L. Mencken was referring to when he said, "No one ever went broke underestimating the intelligence of the public." Or, to paraphrase, "Everybody was kung fu fighting/ With skulls thick as aluminum siding..."

Beverly Hills Ninja: A black eye for us round eyes.

Beverly Hills Ninja Cineplex Odeon

Hustler honcho leads crusade

ET JASON

arry Flynt, publisher of Hustler magazine and the self-de scribed King of Porn, is an unlikely movie protagonist

He has, however, lived an unu-sual life, filled with tragedy, humor and bitter irony. This highlypraised film from director Milos Forman (Amadeus, Ragtime) makes no apologies as it mixes satirical humor and unabashed melodarama in its exploration of Flynt, Starting with his childhood moonshine business and moving on to his days as owner of the Hustler Club, Flynt (Woody Har relson) was always trying to find a way to make an honest buck.

Business doesn't really take of until Flynt starts up a Hustler Club newsletter-which soon evolves into Hustler magazine. The film breezes through these early events, often skimming over character development (or even plot, for that

Flynt is joined on his venture by his brother Jimmy (played by Harrelson's real-life brother, Brett), the wacky hipster Arlo (Crispin Glover), his true love Althea Leasure (Courtney Love) and an assortment of other perverse, creative types, kind of like the gang here at Vue. They rejoice in break ing boundaries in their avails to become a Playboy mag for the everyday working stiff... I mean, working man.

Flynt quickly finds himself in legal hot water as a host of rightwing ethical crusaders charge him with corrupting the youth, pandering and connections with the mob, accusations Flynt will have to dodge for years to come. He hires young lawyer Alan Isaacson (Edward Norton), a civil liberties specialist

Flynt faces many hardships: an unknown sniper's assassination attempt that cost him the use of his legs, an addiction to prescribed painkillers and continual battles

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publishing empire—a situation initially sparked by Flynt's brief obsession with born-again Christianity. Most painful to him, however, was witnessing the spiralling self-destruction of his wife, who was unable to shake her own drug addictions and was later diagnosed as having AIDS.

Harrelson delivers his finest performance to date, athough his strange Jimmy Stewart accent becomes grating after a while. Love's performance has probably been over-hyped, but she definitely deserves much of the praise accorded her. Many people will be sur-prised by her new look; she used to rank right up there with Michael Douglas in the category of public exhibitionists who should keep their clothes on, but here that's not really a problem.

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ROR HAS TWO FACES

a MINUTE at by Todd Todd James

EVITA Madonna may not be the greatest actress or singer there is, but after watching her in this ambitious adaptation of Andrew Lloyd Webber's opera, I can't imagine anyone else in the role of Eva Duarte Peron. This is a difficult feat as Madonna and the rest of the cast are called upon to sing their dialogue. As daunting as that may sound to prospective viewers, once you're accustomed to that style, actors bursting into song seems perfectly natural. Madonna, with her vast experience at lip-synching in music videos, is well-suited to this form and to the role of a young girl who rapidly rises from poverty to become the wife of president Juan Peron (Jonathan Pryce) and in the process casts a spell over the people of Argentina. Antonia Banderas plays Ché, a composite everyman sort of character who narrates the story in song and offers his own, often scornful opinions of Evita's power over the people. Always a controversial figure, Evita was viewed by the military and wealthy as a threat, but deeply loved by the poor for her charitable works. Whatever flaws there are to be found in Evita, the cast isn't one of them. But director Alan Parker (The Commitments, Mississippi Burning) keeps to a brisk pace and wisely lets the songs of Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice fill in any dead spots. Some of these songs are dreadful, but signature tunes such as "Don't Cry For Me Argentina" are powerful and really lift the picture. The look of the film is lush and color-soaked and whatever your opnion of Madonna, she ha made this role her own. (VVVV)

METRO With recent accolades for his performance in The Nutty Professor and a resurgence in what has been a sagging career of late, t would have been nice if Eddie Murphy had taken a little time to come back with something other than a formula car-crash-filled, explosion-riddled police story. Tired action drama, thy name is Metro. Eddie has shelved most of his patented, guaranteed laugheliciting schticks for a slightly more serious persona. Not to say that there aren't laughs in Metro. Even though Murphy plays Scott Roper, San Francisco's top police ostage negotiator, he can still be the irreverent and foul-mouthed Eddie we once knew and loved. He can still turn on the charm when he wants, but most of his gags here are well-worn and stale. Michael Wincott plays a nasty villain who murdered Roper's partner. Naturally, Roper is out for revenge with help from his new sidekick, played by Michael Rappaport. He serves little purpose other than to ride shotgun for Murphy while he stalks the bad guy. The script hasn't left out a troubled romance for Eddie—just to make sure all the cliches are stuffed into this too-long shoot em up. Newcomer Carmen Ejogo plays his girlfriend in some of the sappiest, hide-your-head-in-your when he wants, but most of his

hands embarrassing love scenes I've seen in a while. Metro relies on some well-executed car chase scenes and nifty stunts—but if it's all stunts and no story you're after, a Jackie Chan movie would be a better bet. Eddie may fancy himself an action star in the Bruce Willis mode, but his credibility is low when he tries to wave a pistol with any authority. The chuckles are few and forced in this by-the-book, you've-seen-it-all-before, less-than-thrilling thriller. (VV)

THE PEOPLE VERSUS LARRY FLYNT Porn-meister Larry Flynt seems at first to be an unlikely subject for a film directed by Milos Forman (One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest) but the story of the publisher of Hustler magazine is absolutely fascinatingand in Forman's hands it's laid bare without any tendencies towards glamorizing Flynt's stand against the Supreme Court of the United States. Woody Harrelson stars as we watch Flynt's rise from moonshine bootlegger to head of a massive pornography empire. Hole lead singer Courtney Love is a genuine find as Althea Leasure, one of Larry's strippers who be came his wife. She stood by his side through Flynt's brief brush with Christianity and as he took on court case after court case not to defend the constitution but simply to sell more magazines. Flynt seemed to delight in his new role as defender of free speech, but following one of his many court appearances he was shot by a gunman who, nearly 20 years after the incident, has yet to be apprehended. Ironically, the bullet left Flynt paralyzed from the waist down and unable to perform sexually without mechanical assistance. It marked Flynt's spiral into drug addiction to fight the pain. Althea stood by her man through this period as well, also

becoming addicted to drugs and eventually contracting the AIDS virus. Edward Norton (Primal Fear) frustrated by his client's bizarre and outlandish courtroom an tics-wearing an American flag as a diaper and tossing oranges at the judge, to name a few. But he would spearhead Flynt's First Amendment defense against a suit filed by Moral Majority leader Reverend Jerry Falwell. Whether you're in favor of Flynt's publica tions or not and whatever his motives may have been, there's no denying that his battles to protect his magazine-which often meant lengthy stays in prisonwere battles that helped protect of free speech. Director Forman does little flag-waving here, though: Flynt's story is not sanitized and the sleazy nature of his lifestyle is very much on display. Harrelson is quite good in the role though an odd accent developed in the latter half of the movie is distracting. It's the work of Love that will likely be remembered best. It may be typecasting, but not many could play an outrageous drug addict with more conviction. (VVVV)

THE RELIC It's just an old-fashioned monster movie dressed up with some fancy computer animation, but a better-than-average story will keep you interested. Penelope Ann Miller (Kindergarten Cop) plays an evolutionary biologist at Chicago's Natural History Museum. One of the museum's artifact-explorers has shipped her a strange collection of idols from the jungle and soon her co-workers begin to turn up decapitated. Tom Sizemore (Hearts and Souls) plays a cop determined to shut down the museum on the eve of its gala presentation mayor and other dig-nitaries. Director Peter Hyams heaps on the humor-hey, you gotta have some fun when headless bodies are flying around. The horror level could have been tweaked a bit, but some of the special effects will leave you wideeyed and the cast, including Linda Hunt (The Year of Living Dangerously) and James Whitmore (The Shawshank Redemption) is

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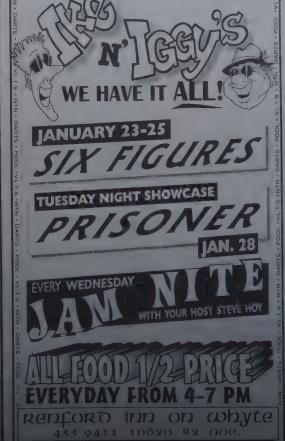
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Bunnell, exploring the issue of prostitution
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Stephen 'Wimbush: ARTIST IN RESIDENCE.

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PLANET PLAY
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Elephant and Castle, W.E.M, 444-3555 SAT 25: Sword Dancing, Scottish Pipe Band, special Scottish meal, 6 PM

VINOK FOLKDANCE ENSEMBLE Chateau Louis Conference Centre, 454-3739 SAT 25: Mardi Gras evening, entertainment and food in New Orleans style.

WHITE CANE WEEK

W.E.M., Lower Level by the Oilmen, Near food court. 488-4871 SUN, Feb 2-SAT, Feb 8: The White Cane: Symbol of Blindness, Courage and Independent Spirit

SPORTS EVENTS

Butterdome/Main Gym. UofA.492-BEAR FRI 24- Pandas vs Lethbridge. 6:30 PM FRI 24: Bears vs Lethbridge. 6:15 PM SAT 25: Pandas vs Lethbridge. 6:30 PM SAT 25: Bears vs Lethbridge. 6:30 PM FRI 31: Pandas vs Saskatchevan. 6:30 PM FRI 31: Bears vs Saskatchevan. 6:30 PM

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71-8163 SAT 25: ICE vs Swift Current Broncos SAT, Feb 1. ICE vs Brandon Wheat Kings SUN, Feb 2. ICE vs Lethbridge Hurricanes

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U of A Thursday, Jan. 23 Helen Nolan 8623-112 Street 434-0608

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Whyte Avenue Tuesday, Jan. 28 10402-82 Avenue



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inton Collseum, 451-8000 WED 29: Oilers vs San Jose, 7:30 PM FRI 31: Oilers vs NYI, 7:30 PM

LITERARY EVENTS

MISTY MOUNTAIN MUSINGS Misty Mountain, 10458B-82 Ave,

every SUN: Open Stage Poetry and Prose Readings

Readings ORLANDO BOOKS

0640-82 Ave.

FRI 24: David Albahari & Walter Hildebrandt-Readings

ROXY THEATRE

0708-124 St., 439-3729 FRI 31-SAT 1: Crispin Hellion Glover MEETINGS/LECTURES/

WORKSHOPS HOPE HOUSE 1032-89 Ave., 492-1222 MON 27: Understanding Hope: A Drama

MOMENTUM EXPERIMENTAL
PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

ardbird Suite, 10203-86 Ave.

THU, Feb 6: Roger Admiral, Piano; Brent Miles, Sax; Dani Altieri Dance; Bryan Sim piano; The Mathematical Revelation of Existence; Chris Feschuk, Percussion and improvisation, 8 PM

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10127-100A St., 413-6294

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The Westin Hotel, 10135-100 St SAT 25: Library fundraiser

DANCE

ORCHESTS DANCE

Horowitz Theatre, SUB, U of A, 492-3615 FRI 31-SAT 1: Dance Motif '97

Chateau Louis, 11727 Kingsway, 454-3739 SAT 25: Mardi Gras

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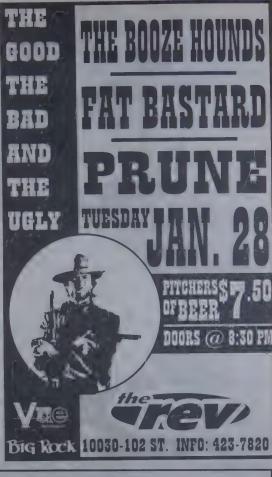
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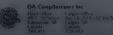
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PISCES (FEB. 19-MAR. 20) "Blah blah blah blah blah blah a readable English phrase" with some Latin music. This week you will discover how pathetically easy it is to start your own Latin hand. How bizarre.

ARIES (MAR. 21-APR. 19) After looking at your budget you will decide you can't afford everything you want. At the same time you'll discover that being immersed in urine causes hair loss. Ah, there's a silver lining in every cloud—think about all the money you'll save on electrolysis! Or, better yet, you could start your matural" electrolysis clinic.

TAURUS (APR. 20-MAY 20) This week you will walk into a café and order a deep-roasted, hand-picked, dark Colombian Coffee. At \$2.50 a cup you will realize that you aren't actually paying for the coffee but the amount of syllables in the name. Yum.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20) YOU WILL be stuck for an idea for what to GIVE your mother for her birthday. "ME, me, me, me" is what she will think that you think if you don't give her a thoughtful present. Maybe you can get her a card with a touching, pre-written MASSAGE on the inside and a picture of a NAKED guy on the outside, although a couple of hundred would probably help, too!

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22) The Fly III will come out this week and you will go to see it. It's

about an Italian man and a German woman who try to become one person and enter the teleporter together. The result! An ewok.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22) You will be working the graveyard shift at a Mac's when a guy will run in and buy a box of condoms. That's two more people who are getting laid more often than you. It might have something to do with the snappy uniform you're wearing.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22) You will discover a large file's worth of kiddie porn on a computer at work. Damn, those baby goats look hot in plastic lingerie and covered in oil. No, wait—that's a cooking file—although it looks more lively than your last date.

LIBRA (SEPT. 22-OCT. 22) You will lose your shirt in a cutthroat card game and promptly get thrown out of the establishment. Did you really think strip poker was a good idea at a family reunion?

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21) You will be creatively disrupted by annoying relatives. Arrgh—creative juices drying up, time wasting. They will reply, "Ah, young grasshopper, time is never wasted." At this point you will hurl your computer monitor at them. Grr.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21) You will buy a plaid shirt and wear it. Say, what? Did you wake up one day and decide you'd dress like a frontiersman this week? Paul Bunyan, Davey Crockett, Mark Trail, Pat Boone—they will be your fashion messiahs, at least until you realize that the closest you've ever come to being outdoors is all the artificial plants in malls.

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My name is Louise. I'm 28 yrs. old with short brown hair, blue eyes & I'm slim & athletic. I'm seeking someone who's professional, interesting, likes travel & is fun to be account. Box 4901.

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lbs with dark auburn hair & green eyes. Some of my interests are working out, trivia games, camping, fishing, hiking & a lot more, if interested, call Box 7902.

He Says: It's amazing what you can tell by someone's voice ad! - Matthew Nucleiter

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